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Erap escape plan foiled, AFP claims

I'll never flee, says deposed President

By Carlito Pablo,
TJ Burgonio and Martin P. Marfil

JOSEPH Estrada prepared to fly on Friday to Indonesia from Davao City using a chartered jet, but called off the escape plan after an advance party spotted military intelligence agents swarming all over the Davao airport, a senior official of the Armed Forces claimed yesterday.

The officer, who asked not to be identified, said the military had acquired information indicating that Estrada—who was in Mindanao and Palawan over the weekend to campaign for his wife and other opposition senatorial candidates—planned to bring some members of his family along with him.

He did not say if former first lady Dr. Luisa Ejercito was included.

But the ousted leader again denied he had any intention to leave the country after the Supreme Court on Friday rejected his petition to reclaim the presidency and stripped him of immunity from prosecution.

"*Ako kailanman ay hindi tatakas at hindi ako aalis dito sa ating bayan* (I will never flee, and I will never leave our country)," Estrada told a seminar of Manila barangay leaders in Puerto Princesa City yesterday.

The military officer said Estrada, who faces several plunder cases in the Office of the Ombudsman, had also targeted Hong Kong and Palau as possible destinations. Palau, an island chain in Micronesia, is near the Philippines, Guam and Papua New Guinea.

Police, intelligence agents, and airport and port personnel have been ordered to block any attempt by the disgraced president to leave the country.

"The military and police are on double red alert for any backdoor exit of Estrada," the source said, although he did not reveal how military authorities got wind of the alleged escape plan.

He said that acting Defense Secretary Eduardo Ermita had immediately alerted the Armed Forces

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TRIBUNAL SETBACK

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Former President Joseph Estrada and Edgardo Angara, whose diary was cited by the Supreme Court in affirming the legitimacy of the Macapagal presidency, join a campaign sortie in Malaybalay City on Saturday.

Desierto told: File criminal raps now

By Christine O. Avendaño
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PDI Visayas Bureau

CEBU CITY—Now that the Supreme Court has ruled that Joseph Estrada no longer enjoys immunity from suit, senatorial candidate Joker Arroyo is urging Ombudsman Aniano Desierto to immediately file the criminal cases against the deposed President with the Sandiganbayan.

"I don't want to offend the Cebuanos. But if Ani Desierto does his job, he should file it Monday (today)," Arroyo told a news conference of the senatorial candidates of the People Power Coalition (PPC) here.

Estrada has been charged with plunder, bribery, graft and corruption at the Office of the Ombudsman.

Besides ruling 13-0 on the legitimacy of the presidency of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, the Supreme Court voted 9-4 on the loss of Estrada's immunity from suit.

Arroyo said he and the other House prosecutors in the aborted impeachment trial of Estrada had turned over all their pieces of evidence against Estrada to Desierto.

"We (the House prosecutors) gave it to him. He didn't work for it. It's all there and he can file it anytime," he said.

A Catholic group also urged Desierto to immediately file with the Sandiganbayan criminal charges against Estrada.

"It's high time Desierto seriously

DESIERTO/ A19

PPC: Puwersa ng Masa faces debacle

By Martin P. Marfil
and Christine Avendaño

OUSTED leader Joseph Estrada and his allies yesterday assailed the Supreme Court decision upholding the Macapagal presidency, saying the legal setback suffered by the former movie actor would likely draw sympathizers for opposition senatorial candidates.

Makati Rep. Joker Arroyo and other senatorial candidates supported by President Macapagal-Arroyo, however, said the court ruling would result in a debacle of their opponents in the Estrada-backed Puwersa ng Masa in the coming elections.

"I think our opponents have lost any moral ascendancy over us. Imagine a leader charged with plunder. The choice of the people will be very clear," said Arroyo, who is running for senator under the administration-backed People Power Coalition.

Candidates of the Puwersa ng Masa said they would focus on their campaigning for the May 14 national and local elections which have been described as a proxy battle between Estrada and Ms Macapagal.

"I was a bit shocked because legal luminaries said I had a strong case," Estrada told newsmen in Puerto Princesa City, where he flew to campaign for the Puwersa ng Masa candidates led by his wife, Dr. Luisa "Loi" Ejercito Estrada.

He added it was his right "if I should feel depressed" even as he vowed to fight the ruling. Estrada has 15 days to appeal.

"I am not power-hungry," Estrada said. "I want to make it a point that I am defending our Constitution. This will be a legal and historic matter for our country that we will not tolerate a coup or mob rule."

Senatorial candidates allied with Estrada also criticized the court decision, saying it set a precedent that could endanger the country's democracy.

Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago

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SC demolishes Estrada's final try to claim immunity

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

THE SUPREME Court unequivocably declared Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as the legitimate President of the Philippines in its 13-0 decision handed down Friday.

The court could not have been more emphatic in rejecting deposed President Joseph Estrada's contention that Ms Macapagal was merely serving as "acting President" and that he went on leave after the people power upheaval drove him out of Malacañang on Jan. 20.

The court handed down a unanimous decision that Estrada, through his intentions and acts, had effectively resigned although he did not sign a formal letter of resignation.

Two other justices—Chief Justice Hilario Davide Jr. and Justice Artemio Panganiban—inhibited themselves from the case brought to the court by Estrada's lawyers. The lawyers asserted that the two justices played a key role in swearing in Ms Macapagal at noon of Jan. 20.

The decision is expected to calm the country's financial markets that had been rattled by Estrada's legal challenge on Macapagal legitimacy, creating a new round of political instability following his overthrow.

In ruling that Estrada had effectively resigned, the court held that the issue was not a political issue but a "justiciable" one, meaning the tribu-

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ALCUAZ: One-man demonizing team.

Silent Protest group honored at Edsa rites

By Volt Contreras

EXACTLY one year ago today, the slanted "/" sticker campaign, aka Silent Protest Movement, the first middle class-oriented drive for the ouster of then President Joseph Estrada, was conceived.

One of its 12 convenors, who met for the first time and plotted their moves at a café along Jupiter Street in Makati City, was the movement's eventual spokesperson Jose Luis Araneta Alcuaz, the "Linggoy" of Metro Manila's weekly *kapihan* press forums.

Last Sunday at the 15th anniversary celebration of People Power I at the Edsa Shrine, Linggoy was called to the stage as one of the anti-Estrada organizers credited for People Power II.

In an interview with the Inquirer, Linggoy recalled the time when it was not yet fashionable to be anti-Estrada.

A former newspaper columnist and political organizer since the Marcos years, he was often the one who asked the questions at *kapihans* that would induce the guest speaker to give the juicy quotes

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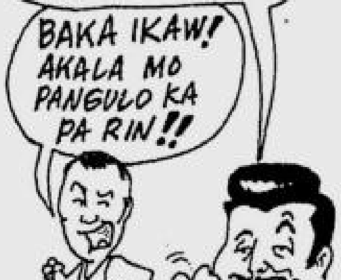
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Erap snaps at anti-'trapo' run of priest

By Martin P. Marfil
and Jowel F. Canuday
PDI Mindanao Bureau

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—Running priest Robert Reyes has "*topak* (brain damage)" for staging a "*botak* (run)" against "*trapos* (traditional politicians)," according to ousted President Joseph Estrada.

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VIEW FROM THE STREETS

'Uprising must be brought to Palace gates'

By Teddy A. Casiño

Editor's note: The author is the secretary general of the left-wing alliance Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan).

(Last of three parts)

A REAL organizational nightmare during the days of People Power II was the marshaling of the stage on Edsa. Politicians and VIPs would come in with their *alalays* (assistants) and bodyguards in tow, expecting everyone to be accommodated and often leading to shouting matches and a lot of shoving and pushing.

Especially annoying to the marshals were the bodyguards of Cavite Gov. Bong Revilla, who perhaps thought they were still in their hometown.

The most pathetic sight on stage were the *balimbings*, like Rep. Jose Mari Gonzales and former Interior Secretary Alfredo Lim, who even tried to hog the limelight to wave to the crowd.

Fortunately, among the people they encountered on stage were two feisty ladies, Dr. Carol Pagaduan-Araullo and Josie Lichauco, who took it upon themselves to block their way. Others who tried in vain to get undeserved approbation were Sen. Robert Jaworski and former tourism chief Gemma Cruz-Araneta.

From an angry and worked-up throng of 30,000 on the night of Jan. 16, the crowd at Edsa had dwindled to around 2,000 by early morning. Most of those who stayed were from the organized groups.

Around 6 a.m., the impromptu sound system provided by the Couples for Christ was replaced by the bigger setup arranged by Bayan. This would be augmented by additional equipment in the succeeding days.

The first morning, the speakers included, among others, a *balut* vendor, a grandmother, and a seaman who had just

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AYOS ! SANA TULOY-TULOY NA 'TO !!

SC ruling seen lifting economy

THE SUPREME Court ruling upholding the legitimacy of President Macapagal-Arroyo's presidency and paving the way for deposed President Joseph Estrada's criminal prosecution has calmed investor sentiment, presidential spokesperson Renato Corona said yesterday.

With that hurdle cleared, analysts said they expect Ms Macapagal now to start steering the economy back into shape.

Corona predicted that the government would get the economy "turned around in no time at all."

The ruling is expected to give the peso and stock market a considerable boost when trading resumes this week, analysts said yesterday.

Yesterday, the Malaysian ambassador to the Philippines disclosed that Kuala Lumpur would be sending a ministerial-level business delegation on Wednesday as part of a bid to boost trade and investment in Southeast Asia.

Led by International Trade and Industry Minister Rafidah Aziz, a key member of Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad's cabinet, it will be the first ministerial-level investment mission to Manila since Ms Macapagal was installed on Jan. 20.

There had been much uncertainty among business groups in the country and overseas before the court decision late Friday dismissing Estrada's suit questioning President Macapagal's legitimacy.

Concerns over Estrada's legal challenge had depressed financial markets and forced investors at the stock exchange to the sidelines.

The stock market's main index shed nearly 5 percent in last week's first four sessions. A technical rebound Friday lifted it 26.77 points, or 1.7 percent, to close at 1596.97.

Analysts said that while the court ruling could give the peso and stock market a big bounce in the short term, investors would soon focus on how the Macapagal-Arroyo administration would deal with daunting economic challenges.

"The political hindrance delaying the inflow of funds from local and foreign investors has now been cleared," said Mark Securities Corp.'s chief market strategist Manny Cruz.

Cruz expects the index to steadily rise in the longer term.

"The ruling will be positive for the market, and the peso should improve now that the political factor isn't important anymore," Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Deputy Governor Amando Tetangco told Dow Jones newswires yesterday.

After the US dollar closed last week at P48.345, currency watchers expect the greenback to slip below the key level of P48 today and even fall to P47 per dollar this week.

Rafidah's mission, composed of officials from up to 40 Malaysian companies, begins on Wednesday and is the first stop of a regional tour that includes Cambodia, Thailand and Burma.

"The visit is very timely as it also boosts bilateral relations as well as enhances intra-Asean trade and investment," Malaysia's ambassador to the Philippines Arshad Hussain told AFP.

Bilateral trade between Malaysia and the Philippines from January to November 2000 totaled $2.4 billion compared with $1.6 billion in 1997, Arshad said. Malaysia is the Philippines' eighth largest trading partner.

Trade between the two neighbors has been in the Philippines' favor since 1998, when Malaysia began importing more of the country's semiconductor and electronic components which are key inputs for its manufactures.

"We want to try to narrow the trade gap as well as diversify trade. The potential for this is very good," Arshad said. Malaysia has about 40 joint ventures in the Philippines.

Malaysia's relations with the Philippines had briefly soured during Estrada's rule following his criticism of Malaysia's handling of the case of Mahathir's former deputy Anwar Ibrahim, who was jailed for alleged sodomy and abuse of power.

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My appointment can wait, says Luli

WHAT'S all the fuss about?

The President's daughter Evangelina Lourdes "Luli" Arroyo has sought to downplay the controversy surrounding her appointment as a foreign service officer.

"It's not a priority. It can wait," Arroyo said when interviewed on her return to the country from the United States late Saturday night.

President Macapagal-Arroyo, who welcomed her at the airport, has not signed Luli's appointment papers. She said she was still "praying for guidance."

The young Arroyo's appointment is on hold because the President has said she did not want to be accused of nepotism.

To try to get around her dilemma, the President suggested Vice President and Foreign Secretary Teofisto Guingona Jr. sign the appointment.

That move was dashed by senior career diplomats who pointed out that only the President had sole authority to appoint foreign service officers under the Foreign Service Act.

Arroyo became eligible for appointment to the foreign service after she passed the highly competitive foreign service exams administered last year.

She was one of only three examinees to pass, of the more than 3,000 who took the test.

Arroyo flew to the US on Feb. 13 to attend a conference. She earned praise when she personally checked in at the airline and immigration counters and refused any VIP treatment. *TJ Burgonio*

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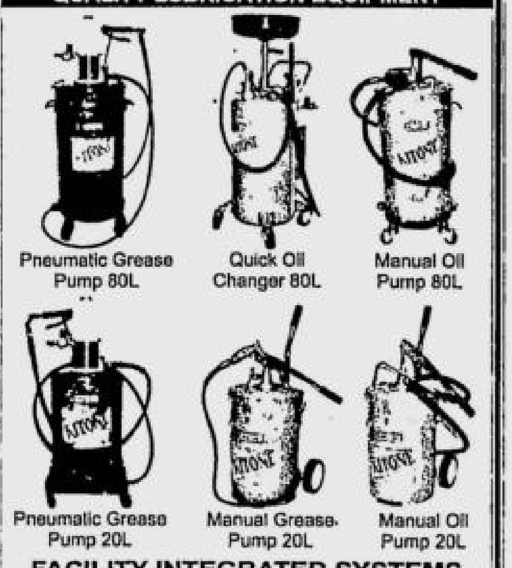

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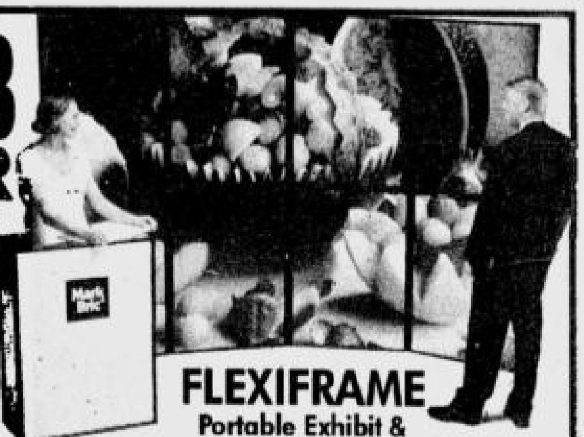

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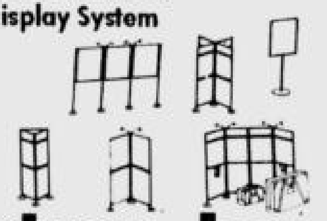

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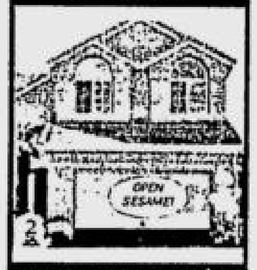

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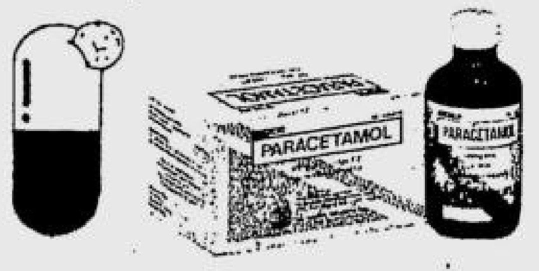

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For Erap, fall through stage foretold adverse court decision

By Froilan Gallardo
PDI Mindanao Bureau

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY—For former President Joseph Estrada, his fall off a four-foot stage here Friday and the Supreme Court's unanimous ruling that Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was the country's legitimate president were linked.

Estrada reportedly told Mayor Vicente Emano and some city officials that he felt it was a bad omen when he fell off the makeshift wooden stage in front of the Misamis Oriental provincial capitol.

That's because four hours later, Estrada received word that the Supreme Court had junked his petition questioning the legitimacy of Macapagal's presidency.

"It was a bad omen *daw*," former Cagayan de Oro councilor Fernando Advincula told the INQUIRER.

Advincula, Emano and Estrada plunged to the ground when a plywood plank groaning under the weight of people on the stage gave way.

Estrada was waving to the crowd, who had come to hear the Puwersa ng Masa candidates speak, when a portion of the stage collapsed.

"Mayor Emano tried to comfort Estrada by saying it was not really a bad omen but a good sign," Advincula said.

He said Estrada appeared to be dejected when he met with Emano, himself and two other officials Saturday morning at the VIP Hotel here.

On Friday night, Estrada asked for a *manghihilot* to massage his left foot which had swelled after the fall.

On Saturday morning, bellboys were seen carrying buckets of ice to Estrada's hotel room.

Advincula said Estrada, at one point, was talking to himself. He said he heard the deposed president say, "*Lalaban kaya ako o* surrender *na lang* (Should I fight or just surrender)?"

"I took pity on him," Advincula said.

Estrada left Cagayan de Oro yesterday morning for Puerto Princesa, according to the Air Transportation Office here. He flew on a 10-seat private Falcon jet with his wife, Dr. Luisa "Loi" Ejercito, and Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile.

Estrada's barnstorming of Mindanao by air in behalf of the Puwersa ng Masa candidates had drawn concerns he might flee to a nearby country to escape criminal prosecution.

Emano said Estrada had no intention of fleeing the country or holing up in Cagayan de Oro City to escape arrest.

"He (Estrada) was sad but he accepted it (SC decision) even if it was a bitter pill to swallow," Emano said.

Scandal-mired NEA project set to proceed

By Jerome Aning

AFTER a delay of almost six years, implementation of the $200-million rural electrification revitalization project funded by the World Bank and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation may soon proceed.

The resident ombudsman of the National Electrification Administration has recently ruled on one of the controversies that has hounded the project—the bidding for a P600-million contract for 60,000 wood poles and 20,000 cross arms.

In a memorandum dated Feb. 16, lawyer Juanita Bermudo-Molas recommended that the winning bidder among four firms, Nerwin Industries Corp., be disqualified from being awarded the contract as the firm had a capital of only P10 million.

Molas said that although Nerwin tendered the lowest bid, it was found to have faked its financial statements from 1994 to 1998, which are registered at the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In her five-page decision, Molas cited a provision in Executive Order No. 302 which said that should a review uncover any misrepresentation during pre-qualification, the bidder shall be disqualified from submitting a bid or from obtaining any award of contract.

The bidding, which took place one and a half years ago, has been dogged with charges of irregularities and brought to the attention of Ombudsman Aniano Desierto last year by the Volunteers Against Crime and Corruption through its "Mata ng Bayan (Eyes of the Nation)" anti-graft program.

The current and former NEA administrators, Conrado Estrella III and Manuel Luis Sanchez, three NEA employees and a branch manager of the Land Bank of the Philippines are facing investigation for the disappearance of P88.20 million worth of cash bonds made for the wood poles-contract.

VACC chair and president Dante Jimenez said that the loan proffer would expire on Oct. 20, or in about eight months, and if no decision was made by Desierto, the loan could no longer be used.

Jimenez recalled that a $92-million loan granted by the WB in 1992 for the electrification project was also mired in irregularities, such that $12 million of the loan was not fully utilized despite extensions in 1996 and 1997.

The WB closed its lending facility to NEA in April 1998, which threatened to overturn the program to the unnecessary embarrassment of the government, Jimenez said.

The JBIC has also advised the government that an extension of its part of the loan would be difficult to accept and justify.

The VACC urged the Ombudsman to expedite its investigation into the alleged regularities, adding the group had come across several NEA employees and concerned citizens willing to come out in the open and testify.

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Joey Rufino, Lakas-NUCD executive director, said yesterday some friends of ousted President Joseph Estrada had been offering financial support to the senatorial campaign of the administration's People's Power Coalition for the May 14 elections.

The offers, Rufino added, were turned down.

"His (Estrada's) former friends have been approaching me but I tell them I don't decide these things," Rufino said in an interview.

Rufino said the PPC did not intend to accept the offers because of the "strings that are usually attached."

PPC spokesperson Conrado Limcaoco told a news conference earlier that the coalition was "very picky" about accepting donations.

Limcaoco told the INQUIRER the PPC had rejected offers of financial support from certain persons he refused to name.

Estrada, who was deposed after a popular uprising Jan. 20, is widely known to have been extensively supported financially in the past mostly by rich Chinese-Filipino businessmen.

Logistics woes

Also yesterday, Limcaoco said reports that the PPC was hobbled by organizational and logistics problems were "mere black propaganda" and a "desperate attempt" by Estrada's minions to mislead the public.

"What we were experiencing were birth pains. But we are getting stronger as we visit key cities in Mindanao and the Visayas," he told the INQUIRER.

Francisco "Kiko" Pangilinan, PPC senatorial candidate, admitted there were initial problems in the campaign like conflicts in scheduling.

After several weeks, he said, the problems had been ironed out and the campaign was going smoothly.

Presidential chief of staff and press spokesperson Renato Corona said the Supreme Court's decision Friday upholding the presidency of Ms Macapagal had virtually ensured a sweep of the May polls by the PPC's senatorial candidates.

"Definitely the chances of a 13-0 sweep by our candidates has been enhanced by the Supreme Court decision," he said.

Corona denied the government had pressured the high court to rule swiftly on Estrada's petition.

Estrada had asked the court to declare his ouster last month illegal, claiming he was only on leave and was still covered by immunity from criminal prosecution.

But the court on Friday unanimously voted against his petition and stripped him of presidential immunity.

Erap claim

Speaking to reporters in Mindanao during a campaign sortie for opposition Senate candidates, Estrada said the ruling appeared to have been "rushed."

He said he had received information that "strong pressures" had been applied on the tribunal to come up with the ruling.

Corona disputed Estrada's claim, however, saying it was "totally not true."

"President Macapagal does not have a single appointee in the Supreme Court, he (Estrada) has five. If there was any pressure, it would have come from him, not us," Corona said.

As for arresting Estrada, Coroña said this was best left to state prosecutors.

Estrada faces plunder charges which are punishable by death for allegedly amassing billions of pesos in ill-gotten wealth. He has been actively campaigning in Mindanao for the Puwersa ng Masa senatorial candidates who include his wife, Dr. Luisa Ejercito.

Limcaoco, for his part, told reporters the PPC was not using the government machinery in the campaign, unlike previous administrations, as a "matter of principle."

"So you do not see us flying around in government choppers and Air Force planes," he said.

"We believe that our campaign, coming on the wings of people power, must be rooted in the people," he said.

Limcaoco said the coalition continued to raise campaign funds for its candidates, while some of them were using their own money.

Quezon Rep. Wigberto Tañada, Bohol Rep. Ernesto Herrera and former Bureau of Internal Revenue chief Liwayway Vinzons-Chato said they had not received any offers of campaign support from Estrada's friends.

Chato said she would reject any offers from them outright.

Tañada said these people probably know he would reject their offer so they didn't dare approach him.

Herrera said he was very careful about accepting donations, adding that his campaign was being supported by the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines and old friends like movie producer Lily Monteverde. *With Nagiel Bañacia and Connie Fernandez, PDI Visayas Bureau, and AFP reports*

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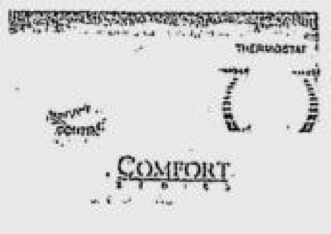

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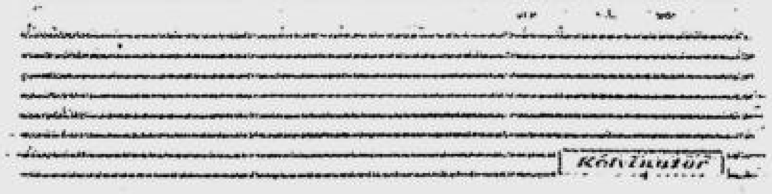

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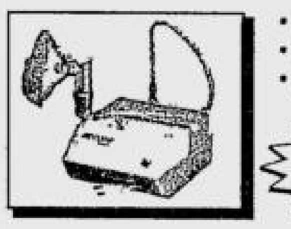

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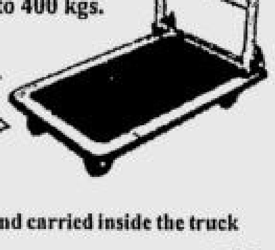

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Next AFP chief: GMA faces tough decision

By Carlito Pablo

WILL it be a choice of the best from among a few good men or just the least flawed from an imperfect lot?

Ten days from today, or even sooner, President Macapagal-Arroyo will announce her choice to head the Armed Forces, ending what is believed to have been the most politicized rivalry for the top military post in recent years.

For sure, Malacañang will cite any one or a combination of these factors to justify its choice: professionalism and service record; the ability to unite the Armed Forces; the vision to modernize the military; the role played in Edsa II and the like.

Since the President announced that she would be allowing the incumbent AFP chief, Gen. Angelo Reyes, to retire on March 17, the names of several top-ranking officers have surfaced as potential successors to Reyes.

Actually, Ms Macapagal can select even from the ranks of senior colonels and young generals under the principle of "deep selection."

Aspirants from the AFP top brass include: Vice Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Jose Calimlim, Deputy Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Jaime de los Santos, Army commanding general Lt. Gen. Jose Villanueva, Air Force chief Lt. Gen. Benjamin Defensor, former Navy Flag Officer in Command Guillermo Wong and Southern Command chief Lt. Gen. Gregorio Camiling.

But the one regarded as the man to beat is Marine Lt. Gen. Edgardo Espinosa, the officer who was to have led a military breakaway atop a tank during the second Edsa people power uprising.

Of the contenders, Espinosa is, hands down, the most seasoned in combat, a warrior-officer who rose from the ranks, fighting his way through the rice paddies and jungles of Mindanao. And he has a large number of medals, decorations and commendations to show for it.

Well-respected

A Class 1967 graduate of the Philippine Military Academy, Espinosa enjoys the respect of officers as well as ordinary soldiers who have seen death at close hand. According to a military officer interviewed by the INQUIRER, an AFP chief with a good record will always boost morale.

"Why? Because a man who has never been in the foxhole will never understand the man in the foxhole," the officer said.

Espinosa has seen many victories as well as setbacks in the field, giving him the edge over his rivals. When he was a first lieutenant in 1972, the Marine battalion of which he was one of the company commanders took a beating from Moro rebels in Panamao, Sulu, resulting in 48 Marines being killed. They were later reinforced by the Army's 11th Infantry Battalion led by Joselin Nazareno, another fighting officer who would later become Estrada's first AFP chief of staff.

Espinosa's career went on a slide when he was unceremoniously relieved of his post as Southcom chief in February 2000. He is now commandant of the AFP Joint Command and Staff College, a post for colonels or brigadier generals.

Though he was not charged with any wrongdoing, Espinosa had been linked in barracks talk and in recent anonymous "white papers" to smuggling operations in the South, interference in elections in certain parts of Mindanao, and giving illegal protection to a big Malabon-based fishing company.

His previous ties to Zamboanga City-based businessman Leepeng Wee and the "barter trade" business couple, Hadji Araji Kammang and Hadja Injung Salwa, have been dug up.

Another possible black eye against Espinosa is his alleged involvement in the irregular purchase of P3.8 million worth of Kevlar helmets of inferior quality when he was still the Marine Commandant.

Closest rival

Seen as giving Espinosa a stiff challenge is Villanueva, who belongs to PMA Class 1968.

"Villanueva is well-known in the Army, which is the backbone of the Armed Forces. He's a true-blooded Army man who followed the defined career path," said the officer-source.

Villanueva was Southcom commander when the Estrada administration fought a Mindanao war on two fronts: the war against the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the two hostage crises against the terrorist Abu Sayyaf group.

In this season where the lid over corruption in the military has been blown away, Villanueva has not been spared. The talk around Camp Aguinaldo is that he was the alleged recipient of two Pajero vehicles from certain officers in the Logistics Command to ensure that they would be retained in their current posts if he makes it.

Known to be a hard drinker, the Fort Bonifacio-based Villanueva is said to be Reyes' bet. His appointment will purportedly ensure that alleged anomalies during Reyes' term would be papered over.

In the wake of Wong's recent exposés involving the Marines, rumors are being floated about alleged irregularities in Camp Aguinaldo, the seat of the AFP General Headquarters. There is talk about P24 million having been allegedly diverted as repair money for trucks that do not actually need repairs and an allegedly overpriced P11-million repair contract for the camp's golf club shower room.

A public relations group has been actively "selling" Villanueva through radio and television.

Logical successor

Some quarters have not given up hope on Calimlim, who previously concurrently held the posts of chief of the Intelligence Service of the AFP (Isafp) and the now defunct anti-smuggling Task Force Aduana under Estrada.

Holding a position second only to Reyes and therefore the "logical successor," Calimlim also has the unique experience of serving as commander of the Presidential Security Group under former President Fidel Ramos and Estrada.

The unanimous opinion about him in military circles: "Very lucky."

Calimlim "was never an original Army man," said the officer-source.

"His career path is fuzzy to say the least. He never commanded men in combat," the source said of Calimlim who upon graduation from the PMA in 1968 became a member of the now defunct Philippine Constabulary-Integrated National Police.

In 1991 when the PC-INP was dissolved and transformed into the Philippine National Police, Calimlim opted to join the Army. Since that year, he has held mostly intelligence posts.

When the AFP top brass went to the Edsa Shrine in the afternoon of Jan. 19, Calimlim was not with them. He was in Malacañang and was said to have been appointed Chief of Staff by Estrada. But he later went to join his fellow officers at Edsa.

Poor image

Calimlim's career-path problem is shared by De los Santos whom the officer-source dismissed as "the worst of them all."

A graduate of PMA Class 1969, De los Santos suffers from the image of poor leadership. When he was a young lieutenant, he had a run-in with one of his men, resulting in a Carbine being fired.

During the 1989 coup attempt, De los Santos as commander of the 16th IB lost two of his companies which deserted him and joined the military rebel forces. His men boarded trucks provided by then Navy Capt. Proceso Maligalig, purportedly to participate in military exercises with US troops at Sangley Point. There is even talk that while he was battalion commander, a grenade was lobbed near his command post by one of his men.

As a middle-level officer, De los Santos spent several years in military desks in civilian government agencies. As a colonel, he was already overranked when he took the battalion command (Class 2) "because he knew he can't make general without going through a battalion command," the source said.

"He was even telling friends back then that if he was sent to Mindanao, he'd rather retire. Lucky for him, he got the 16th IB which is based in Laguna," the source said.

The crowning glory of De los Santos' career was his appointment as force commander of the United Nations Transition Authority for East Timor. He was not only the first Filipino but also the first from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to hold that distinction.

Smooth and suave, De los Santos bested Villanueva and Camiling, both with combat records, for the UN post.

Since his return from East Timor last year, De los Santos has been packaged by his public relations handlers as a "dark horse."

According to the INQUIRER source, De los Santos' record is in a way similar to that of Reyes whose appointment as AFP chief by Estrada was not met with much enthusiasm by those who spent time as field commanders.

Military intellectuals

Reyes, he said, spent many years at the office of then Prime Minister Cesar Virata during the Marcos regime; the AFP Retirement and Separation Benefits System, the military's pension fund; the Asian Institute of Management where Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado was a classmate; Harvard; and the Camp Aguinaldo-based Civil Relations Service.

"De los Santos and Reyes are what we describe in the military as intellectuals," the source said.

Defensor was De los Santos' "mistah" in the PMA Class of 1969, but the younger brother of Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago is of another mold.

As a young combat pilot, Defensor earned two Gold Cross medals within a span of hours for gallantry in action in Mindanao. With a good balance of field and schooling, Defensor rose as a respected officer and was responsible for crafting the Air Force's modernization program even before he became Air Force chief.

During the recent Mindanao campaign, he was chief of the Air Force Tactical Operations Command based in Cebu where he directed precision air strikes against the MILF. Air power proved to be decisive in that war.

Several weeks before the AFP withdrawal of support for Estrada, Col. James Dimal, the chief of staff of the Air Force's Air Defense Command, was sacked after he was reported to be recruiting pilots for a military breakaway.

The Air Force rebels were then led by Maj. Gen. Adelberto Yap, the Air Force deputy chief. Yap went on to fly an F-5 over the Edsa Shrine on Jan. 20 as Ms Macapagal was about to take her oath.

Yap belongs to the Espinosa group which had planned to withdraw support from Estrada but were beaten to the draw by Reyes.

Wong's case is a peculiar one. No Navy chief has ever been appointed chief of staff. Before he was forced to resign on March 1, Wong, also of Class 1969, was considered a long shot.

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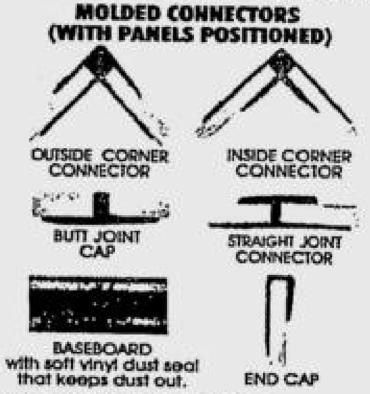

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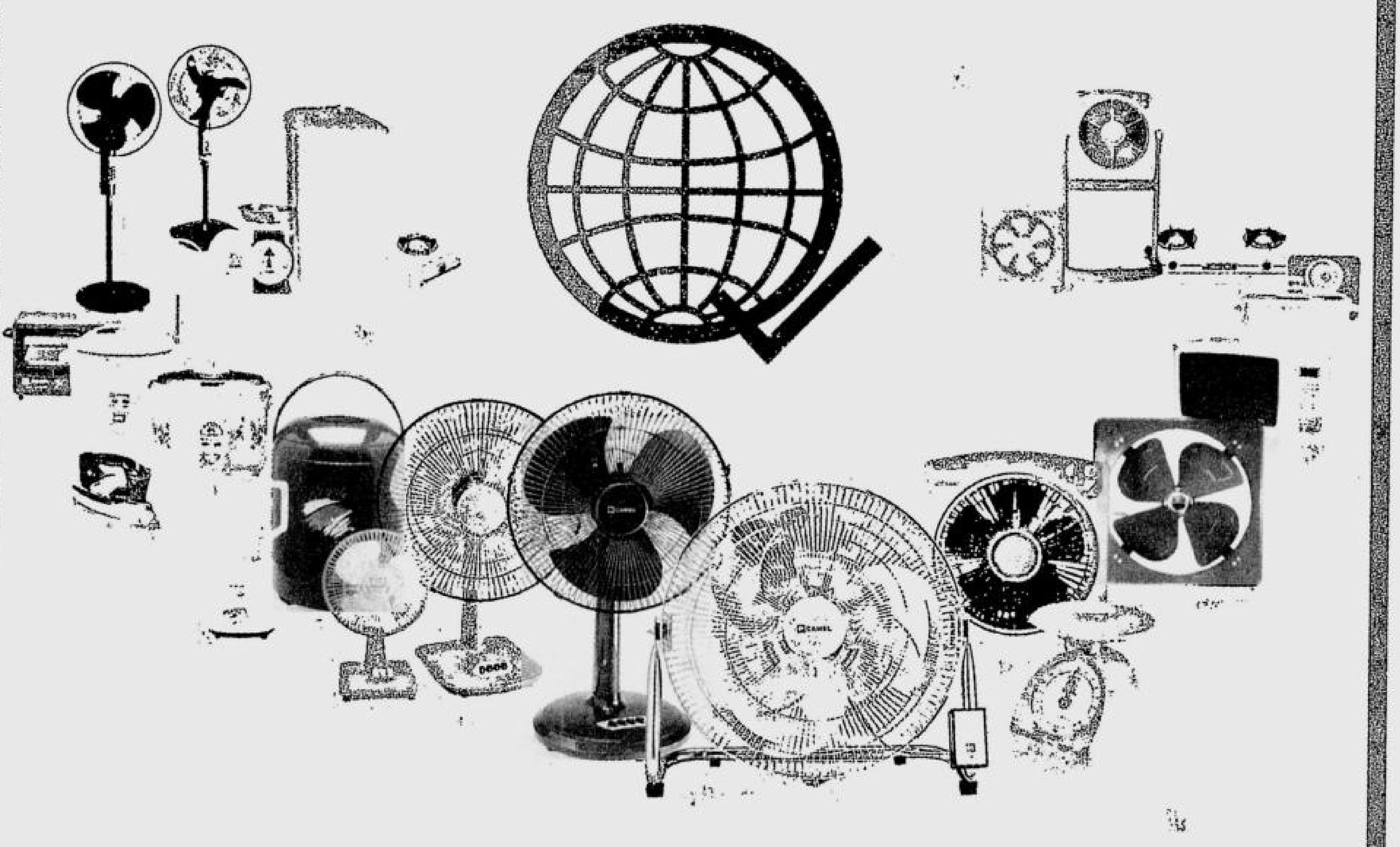

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said the court decision installed a President who has no electoral mandate, rendering elections virtually useless.

If elected to another senatorial term, Santiago said she would propose amendments to the Constitution that would prevent politicians from rising to power through massive protests and not through the ballot.

"My first resolution will be to amend the Constitution so no president can occupy the post without being elected. *Hindi na puwede ang* people power," she said.

Another candidate, former Press Secretary Ricardo Puno Jr., said Estrada clearly did not sign a resignation letter but the court interpreted his actions as constituting resignation, setting another dangerous precedent.

Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile said the court ruling paved the way for future military interventions in politics.

"We should study the military organization because it has been politicized. We should strengthen the principle of civilian supremacy over the military," said Enrile, one of the leaders of the civilian-backed military revolt that ousted the dictator Ferdinand Marcos in 1986.

Unlike in Edsa People Power I, however, he sided with Estrada who was toppled in Edsa People Power II.

Wishful thinking

In Cebu City, however, Arroyo described as "wishful thinking" Estrada's plan to file a motion for reconsideration on the Supreme Court decision.

"Any lawyer will tell you that you can only ask for reconsideration if the vote is divided. Let's say 7-6 or 8-5 because you have to persuade only one or two justices," he said.

"But in a unanimous decision, you can't have a reconsideration. So all of that is wishful thinking," Arroyo said.

The court voted 13-0 in affirming the legitimacy of the Macapagal presidency.

Arroyo suggested that Estrada stay away from the campaign and focus on the criminal charges he is facing.

"I think he has to take care of himself first before he thinks of his party," said Arroyo who campaigned in Cebu City with the rest of the PPC candidates.

Sen. Franklin Drilon, however, said Estrada should be allowed to continue campaigning for the Puwersa ng Masa senatorial candidates.

"Let him campaign so that the issues will be joined—those who are standing on the platform of Estrada and those who are standing on the platform of the PPC," Drilon said.

"Let the people decide on these issues," he said.

In Manila, Malacañang said it wasn't bothered at all by Estrada's threat to carry on the fight in the Supreme Court.

"It's the opposition that should worry. The more they (opposition candidates) are identified with Estrada, the more they are identified with a lost cause," said Press Undersecretary Bobby Capco.

Other reactions

In Davao City, the militant women's group Gabriela yesterday dismissed as an "exercise in futility" efforts by Estrada to file a motion for reconsideration.

"Estrada should stop his delusion that he is still the President. The decision of the Supreme Court is 13-0, that gives us the message that the justices firmly believe that Estrada is no longer president because the people says so," said Lyda Canson, Gabriela-Davao City chair.

Fr. Leonardo Dublan, co-convenor of the anti-Estrada group Solidarity for Political Transformation (Solid-Davao), appealed to both the public and the media not to dignify Estrada's claim that that he is still the President.

"Let us put a period and an exclamation point on Estrada's insistence that he is still the President. Dignifying Estrada's comments will only legitimize his illegitimate cause," Dublan said. ***With reports from Donna S. Cueto, Malou Guanzon-Apalisok, PDI Visayas Bureau; and Jowel F. Canuday, PDI Mindanao Bureau***

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Moro rebels step up attacks against Army

ZAMBOANGA—Moro rebels attacked an Army convoy and an outpost in Maguindanao and Sultan Kudarat despite President Macapagal-Arroyo's efforts to restart peace talks, officials said yesterday.

Rebels belonging to the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front fired anti-tank rockets on an Army convoy in Barira town in Maguindanao on Saturday, injuring five soldiers, the officials said.

A brief clash ensued between the rebels and soldiers, who were on their way to a village to distribute food and medicine, said Philippine Army spokesman Maj. Julieto Ando.

The rebels withdrew after some were wounded but soldiers could not chase them because of a government ceasefire order, Ando said.

In another attack, rebels opened fire on an Army post in remote Didagen village in nearby Sultan Kudarat, also on Saturday. But no casualties were reported, military officials said.

"While we are showing sincerity for the cause of peace, the MILF continues to sow terror by attacking military targets," Ando said.

Ms Macapagal declared a unilateral government ceasefire with the MILF last month to boost the chances of resuming peace talks with the rebels. MILF leaders declined a government invitation for an initial meeting but said they were discussing how to respond to the President's peace overtures.

An MILF commander, Shariff Julabbi, defended the MILF attacks, saying fighting erupts when soldiers stray into rebel territories.

"Government forces continue to encroach or roam in our territories, and we will not allow it. Troops are patrolling areas controlled by the MILF, so attacks or hostilities are unavoidable," Julabbi said.

He said clashes would stop if soldiers only stayed in their barracks. *AP*

Gov't pursuing tax case against Lucio Tan–Chato

By Christine Avendaño

CEBU CITY—The Macapagal administration is pursuing the tax evasion case against business tycoon Lucio Tan, according to former Internal Revenue chief Liwayway Vinzons Chato.

The government was consulting her on Tan's case, Chato, who is one of the 13 senatorial candidates of the People's Power Coalition, told a news conference here yesterday.

She said she was supposed to be in Manila for a meeting on the case.

"The government is decided to pursue (Tan's) case," she said.

She told the Inquirer that BIR Commissioner Rene Bañez and Finance Secretary Alberto Romulo were consulting her on Tan's case and today's meeting is with Justice Secretary Hernando Perez.

"They want to see what the documents are . . . Somebody got all the BIR documents and I made sure that I have copies," Chato said.

She said one area of concern of the Macapagal administration was that Tan's case was pending before the Supreme Court on a legal issue.

The issue is about whether a commissioner can "unilaterally dismiss" Tan's case after the justice secretary has found a prima facie case for tax evasion against the Chinese-Filipino businessman.

"So we pray that the Supreme Court will decide 15-0 in favor of the government," Chato said.

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The diary

EDITORIAL

IRONICALLY, the man closest to Joseph Estrada, the man who would right his tottering administration, who stayed with him to the end, has now caused him to lose the last vestiges of his claim to the presidency, and thus, his immunity from suits.

According to the high court's decision, the first person account of then Executive Secretary Edgardo Angara provided an "authoritative window on the state of mind of Estrada," "as events approach Jan. 20." That was the date when Estrada left the Palace. His words and actions as recorded by Angara, the high court said, indicated that Estrada had "effectively resigned" even if he never signed the draft resignation letter prepared by the negotiators from both sides for his exit.

The chronicler himself tried to explain there were no indications in what he had written that Estrada had resigned. Only that it showed Estrada's "frame of mind" in the final hours of his presidency. Perhaps, he had been caught up with his main concern in chronicling the fast-breaking events, which he had claimed to the INQUIRER, was the "bad faith" of the Macapagal negotiators. Also, Angara, the academician, must have been conscious of the historicity of his role in Estrada's last hours in the presidency. Between setting the record straight and carving out a niche in history, the implications of his revelations may have escaped Angara. For sure, he meant well. And the INQUIRER snapped up his account, and published it in three parts, as it was the first after Estrada left office.

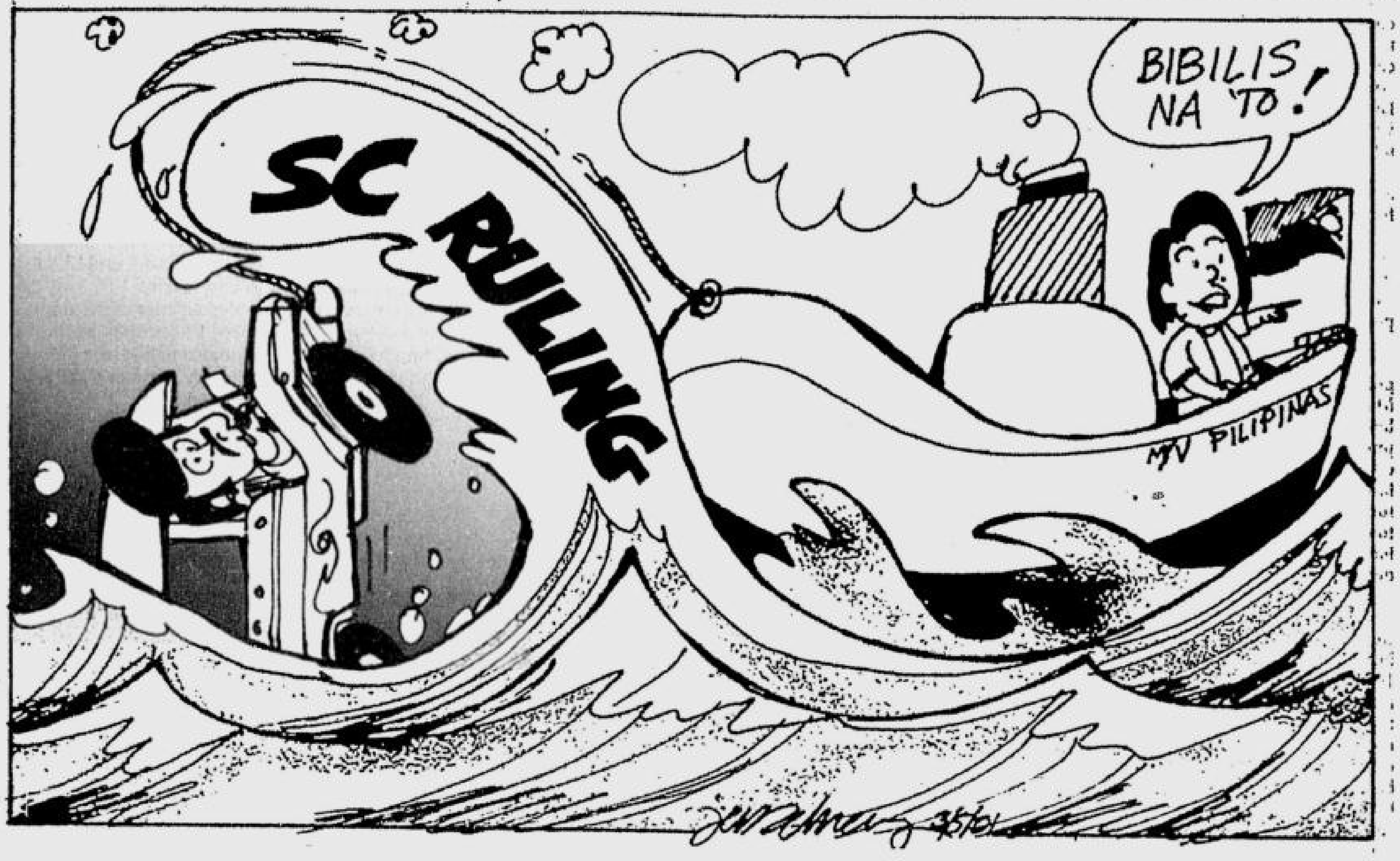
In trying to extricate himself from Angara's description of his attitude and actions on Jan. 19, which are the focus of the Angara diary, Estrada is now saying that it was not his diary. Interestingly enough, the ex-president does not dispute any portions of the diary. No doubt, because he cannot. There was no reason for Angara to lie. This was the man who was there when it counted the most. Even the negotiators of the then opposition did not dispute the diarist's words. One of them, now Executive Secretary Rene de Villa, did raise the point of Angara's "omissions." But then, he commented only after the second part of the account was printed in the INQUIRER. In the third part, the so-called omissions were there.

Still, Estrada makes the point that not having written it himself, the deposed president is implying that Angara's account is merely the latter's interpretation of his words and actions. For instance, he cited Angara quoting him saying, *"Ayoko na, pagod na ako,"* Estrada claimed to be referring to the fact that the negotiations had been going on at the Palace between Macapagal and Estrada's camps from 8 p.m. on Jan. 19 to the wee hours of the following day. He had been sleepless, he is now saying, and under stress. "There is no such word as resignation," Estrada explains.

That may be so. But Angara also wrote in his diary, and which the high court duly noted, that earlier that day, at about 2:30 p.m., Estrada proposed a snap presidential election in May at which he would not be a candidate. And Estrada had appeared on nationwide TV with the proposal, which had roundly been rejected. The Court considered this a sign that he was giving up the presidency.

Another proof cited by the high court based on the Angara diary: That when Angara asked Sen. Aquilino Pimentel to tell Estrada to consider "a dignified exit or resignation," there was no objection from Estrada but that he had "listened intently" and said he would never consider the option of leaving the country. Also, there was Estrada, according to the Angara diary, revealing to the diarist that AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Angelo Reyes had guaranteed a five-day stay in the Palace, which the Supreme Court took to mean that Estrada would leave the Palace after that period. But he didn't even have the time. In the afternoon of Jan. 20, the Mendiola marchers were close to knocking down the Palace gates, or so it would appear. The Court could well have used, too, as basis for its 13-0 decision for the legitimacy of the Macapagal administration the fact that Reyes came around at about that time to see his "dignified" exit. And he did so with a salute to Estrada. Which certainly looked (as shown on TV) like a farewell salute to his commander in chief. That Estrada saluted back was a clear sign that he had accepted the reality of his imminent departure.

If Estrada has another version of the events as recounted by Angara, he should write his own diary. That is, if he has a mind to.



If SC can move this fast, why can't the Sandiganbayan?

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

SEE, the Supreme Court can decide cases quickly if it wants to. It didn't need 30 days to find out who the president of the nation is, after all. Now if it can only decide other cases as quickly, then the wheels of justice will move faster. And if they can move this fast in the Supreme Court, why can't they move as fast in the Sandiganbayan? The cases against the Marcoses have not moved in years.

The high court based its decision, that Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is the legitimate President and not Joseph Estrada, on the diary of then Executive Secretary Edgardo Angara about the last hours of Erap in Malacañang, as published by the INQUIRER.

The way Erap keeps falling, both literally and figuratively, God must be trying to tell him something; that it's time to go quietly. Last Friday, while campaigning in Cagayan de Oro, he fell through a four-foot high stage and injured his foot. Even before he could go home, he fell from the presidency permanently when the Supreme Court handed down its decision.

God knows best. Erap should heed his advice.

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By the way, Erap counsel Rene Saguisag should be congratulated for not breaking his record as a lawyer. With this latest Supreme Court decision, Saguisag has maintained his perfect record.

Prosecutors hope Erap would retain him as his lawyer in the criminal cases to be filed against him. Another celebrity case handled by Saguisag is the rape-murder case against Calauan Mayor Antonio Sanchez. He is now serving time in Muntinlupa. Still another is the rape-multiple murder case against Hubert Webb. He is also in Muntinlupa.

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Here is good news for tree lovers. Through the efforts of Rep. Heherson Alvarez, many trees scheduled to be massacred to give way to the Edsa-Quezon Avenue Interchange project will be saved in an agreement among government and environment protection groups. Under this agreement, many of the trees originally marked for cutting will be balled instead (meaning, the root system will be carefully excavated) and have them adopted by "tree-caring" individuals or groups. The Earthsavers Movement is now scouting for "lung-savers" to adopt the trees. Enchanted Kingdom is the first to agree to adopt many of the trees.

A memorandum of agreement will be signed tomorrow morning among the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Earthsavers Movement and NGOs for Integrated Protected Areas. (Nipa).

Besides saving as many trees as possible, this MOA will also seek to modify the lane width of the project to allow the construction of a large island where the much bigger trees which can no longer be balled and transplanted elsewhere will be preserved. It also calls for the DPWH to donate to the DENR 100 seedlings for every tree cut. The MOA will also develop a "Protect the Manila Parks" program, "Manila" meaning the whole Metro Manila.

Metro Manila is now ranked fifth, I think, among the world's most polluted cities. Besides making the metropolis beautiful, trees act as lungs that absorb the poisonous gases and produce oxygen. We should be planting more trees instead of cutting them.

As I said before in a previous column, it takes 100 trees to cleanse polluted air spewed by just one truck. One tree can produce enough oxygen for 10 air-conditioning units.

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Still on the signing of contracts, the Manila North Tollways Corp. (MNTC), a subsidiary of the Benpress Group, signed last Friday a contract with Leighton Contractors (Asia) Limited for the design, construction, rehabilitation and expansion of the North Luzon Expressway.

When completed, the expressway electronic toll collection system will ensure speedy passage of vehicles through the toll booths.

"To the user, the expressway is going to be a really big event," said Jose de Jesus, MNTC president. "Instead of the vast backup traffic that you see now...vehicles will be able to access the road virtually without stopping."

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Finance Secretary Alberto Romulo—who will be one of the guests in this morning's Kapihan sa Manila—wrote to clarify some points I raised in an earlier column (PDI, 2/26/01) regarding Urban Bank. He said he was never the chair or president of Urbancorp Investments Inc. (UII), the investment affiliate of Urban Bank.

"For the record, I was not ever the chair or president or director of UII," he wrote. "The record at the Securities and Exchange Commission will bear this out. Indeed, the corporate secretary of UII has stated categorically in her letter...that I was not ever such an officer or director of UII.

(*It was the "garbage receivables" of UII sold for cash to Urban Bank that led to the bank's closure.*—NHC)

"I do share your concern for the welfare of the Urban Bank depositors. Consequently, we should support all efforts to fast-track the reopening of Urban Bank.

"Under the revised charter of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp. (PDIC) and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Law, it is the PDIC which has the primary responsibility to oversee the rehabilitation of the bank.

"I do wish to assure you and your readers that no effort should be spared finding a viable solution to Urban Bank."

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Brute Lee

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

WELL, he was the first to say People Power II was nothing more than mob rule. He is Lee Kuan Yew, Lucio Tan's favorite Asian leader. It was from Lee that Tan got his inspiration for the theory of a "guided Mafia," which was the kind of "effective government" he recommended to Erap—which Erap obviously took to heart. Lee's own ability to distinguish between mob rule and people power has of course always been suspect. More than Erap, he actually thinks mob rule stalks the streets of Manila rather than the government of Singapore. More than Erap, he actually thinks thugs are to be discovered in the alleys of Southeast Asia rather than in the mirrors of his home.

So I wasn't really surprised when he said all those things again last week. Democracy doesn't always work, he told the Associated Press. Certainly, he said, it hasn't worked in the Philippines, most of whose people have remained ignorant and uneducated. The Philippines' emphasis on freedom rather than on discipline has only caused it to be the most backward and undeveloped country in the region.

Well, his criticism is not entirely wrong, even if he is the wrong person to say it. Philippine NGOs have been critical of their own democracy, though from a quite different perspective. It's not that we have too much democracy, they say, it's that we have too little of it. What we have, they say, is "elite democracy," which is a monumental contradiction in terms. The form is democratic: We have separation of the branches of government, we have checks and balances, we have relatively free elections every so many years. But the substance is elitist: power has always resided in the hands of a few.

The contrasts between privilege and misery are dramatic, as James Fallows also once observed: between the high walls of the residents of Forbes and the huddling masses of Tondo yearning to breathe free, between the cosmopolitan thinking of the country's small intelligentsia and the superstitious beliefs of its teeming poor, between the Christian pietism of its people and their unchristian disdain for one another. These things are true, and no amount of saying they are the mere observations of despots, or their admirers, will make them go away.

What to do about it? That is where Lee Kuan Yew and Philippine NGOs even more widely differ, as night and day. Lee offers despotism as a way out, the Philippine NGOs offer to push "elite democracy" into true democracy or "popular democracy."

Does it really take much thought to see where the true solution lies? At the very least, Lee misses the point completely in his incessant harping about how democracy ravaged the Philippines. Which is that what thoroughly ruined the Philippines was not democracy, even of the patently elitist kind that thrived before martial law—everyone then talked of the stark gap between rich and poor, which made for a "social volcano" that was near to exploding"—but a decade and a half of Singapore-style thuggery and mob rule carried out by Marcos. The Philippines wasn't doing badly in 1972, notwithstanding that a policy of liberalization in the 1960s, the forerunner of today's globalization, began by Diosdado Macapagal, had scuttled the manufacturing industries that had thrived during the period of import-substitution. Then came martial law, and overnight a vacuum cleaner went through the country's wealth.

More than this, Lee, like Miriam Defensor-Santiago, misses the true meaning of ignorance and education. I do think there is a tremendous need to get Filipinos to schools. I do think education should be the No. 1 priority of this country, which is why I have been railing against a continuing government policy that makes debt payments, rather than education, so. The cornerstone of that policy is "automatic appropriation," a martial law edict that demands setting aside from the national budget a sum for debt payments that may not be touched come hell or high water. That is a patent violation of the Constitution, which decrees that education, and not debt payments, should be the country's non-negotiable concern.

But education doesn't happen only in schools. It happens everywhere. *That* is a function of freedom. That is a function of free speech, that is a function of the right to assemble freely, that is a function of a free press. Those are the things that educate a citizen and give him a say in how he is governed. The more there are of them, the more educated a people become—in ways they will never get even from the finest universities. Democracy gives that, even when it is weak, even when it is defective, even when weighed down by elitist trappings. That is what Filipinos have. Compared to Filipinos, more Singaporeans have gone to school and have college degrees. But compared to Singaporeans, more Filipinos are politically educated and have a say in how they may live.

I do think there is something obscene about the poverty of the body, which is what teems in our midst and cries for change. But I do think there is something far more obscene in the poverty of the spirit, which festers all over Singapore and cries for change. Lee himself is thoroughly ignorant in one respect. Which is his lack of understanding that freedom, far from being a means to an end, is an end itself. That freedom, far from being an instrument with which to acquire wealth, is wealth in itself. That freedom, far from being a path or obstacle to happiness, is a joy in itself.

Every time I hear him make the kind of utterances he does, I am reminded of a Makati yuppie who equips his townhouse unit only with expensive furniture and appliances and feels superior to a teacher or journalist whose BLISS unit is filled only with books and records. The tragedy with the first of course is that he will never know how thoroughly impoverished he is.

Democracy does work, even in a country like the Philippines. It has always helped rid it of fellows who think they can do a Lee Kuan Yew.

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SC decision surprises populace

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

I HAD a recent chat with Solicitor General Sonny Marcelo after the Supreme Court came out with its ruling on the legitimacy of President Macapagal and he opined that the biggest benefit of this is that now, the President can focus on solving the many problems facing the country. Marcelo points out that while the Estrada lawyers would probably file a motion for reconsideration within 15 days, the likelihood of that prospering is almost nil considering the unanimous ruling.

I then queried him on a question most citizens are asking: what happens now to the plunder cases against former President Estrada? Marcelo noted that the 30-day period restriction against filing slapped by the high court on the Ombudsman would lapse about the same time that the 15-day period for the motion for reconsideration would end. The Ombudsman would likely press for a clarification of that interdiction period.

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Marcelo points out that Estrada himself at some point admitted that his interest is not to return to Malacañang but to stop the prosecution of his cases before the Sandiganbayan. He knows he could be put behind bars should prima facie evidence be established by the Ombudsman. Accordingly, his lawyers may be expected to again seek a motion for reconsideration for an arrest order. The idea is to delay the jailing, though the government is also looking at the possibility that the deposed president could flee through the back door.

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As the deliberations of the Supreme Court justices were in full swing last week on the legitimacy and immunity issues, I wrote that the likelihood was that 10 justices would rule that Ms Macapagal is the legitimate president, while three justices would vote that this question was a political one on which they were not disposed on ruling. I had based this speculation on the prevailing sentiment that a majority decision would be anchored on the fact that the deposed president had become unable to rule due to the withdrawal of the Armed Forces and the majority of the Cabinet members of their support from him.

With mounting public pressure to resolve the case quickly, the Court announced that a decision would be forthcoming on or before March 13, and another deliberation was set for Tuesday, March 6. But suddenly, last Friday, word was out that it had arrived at a unanimous decision and announcement would be made the following day. Last Friday copies of the 67-page decision penned by Justice Reynato Puno found their way to the media and select circles. So fast was the decision made that Justice Josue Bellosillo failed to affix his signature that morning, as he was in Capiz (he signed it only late that evening). Justices Jose Vitug and Vicente Mendoza had said they would issue separate concurring opinions.

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Critics have lamented that the high court ruling was hastily arrived at. What apparently precipitated its advanced disclosure, according to informed sources, was the fear that it would leak out to unwarranted parties such as the Estrada camp. The justices obviously were aware that in this town there are no secrets.

In the final decision the magistrates abandoned their earlier position to dismiss Estrada's argument about his temporary disability to govern; instead they anchored their recognition of Ms Macapagal not only as de facto but also de jure president on what they considered Estrada's effective resignation, even if he had not signed a letter to that effect. Insiders say that some magistrates are unhappy with the resignation argument and would have preferred to cite disability.

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In his ruling, Puno went one by one into the varipus acts of the former president, as narrated in the Angara diary and other news clippings, the resolutions of the Senate and the House in support of Ms Macapagal and her chosen Vice President, Teofisto Guingona, as well as diplomatic recognition of the new President.

The immunity issue was the stickier one. Puno reviewed cases involving chief executives from the American colonial days and the provisions of the various constitutions that had governed the country. Puno noted that the 1935 Constitution had no specific provision on presidential immunity while the 1973 Marcos Constitution enshrined executive immunity as absolute in both official and unofficial acts; not only that, the martial law regime extended it to officials who were carrying out Marcos' orders. The fledgling opposition in the Batasan Pambansa tried to remove this sweeping immunity to no avail.

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The 1987 Constitution did not restore the immunity provision explicitly, but it tacitly recognized this principle, so that during a president's tenure, he or she wouldn't have to spend his entire time in office facing litigation. The debates in the Constitutional Commission gave the impression that there was no need to express that immunity. But Puno noted that when the president no longer sits in office, he may be sued for unofficial acts and that immunity cannot be "an inoculation against unlawful acts and omissions." Puno rejected the defense lawyer's argument that Estrada couldn't be sued because he still hadn't been convicted in the impeachment court; that court had been terminated.

The difference between the US and Philippine provisions on immunity is that the US president may be sued in office for his unofficial actions, such as for instance, US President Clinton in the Paula Jones case and President Nixon in the Watergate burglary. Our president, on the other hand, may be sued only after his term expires for criminal and civil acts. This is why Estrada has fought hard to remain "president-on-leave."

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In the spirit of Lent, chair Jose V. Abueva of the Gilmore Carmelites' Diamond Jubilee University Lecture Series, which started last November 2000, has lined up a highly stimulating and appropriately Lenten 5th lecture: "St. Therese of Lisieux and St. John of the Cross—Two Doctors of the Church," to be delivered by Carmelite Fr. Mariano "Jun-Jun" Agruda. Many devotees of the "Little Flower of Jesus" (perhaps the most popular saint to both the young and old, especially after the recent visit of her venerated relics here) cannot understand how St. Therese acclaimed the great Spanish 15th century mystic, St. John of the Cross, who had lived over 300 years earlier than this youthful 19th century French Carmelite saint, as her model and "father of her soul." St. Therese, whose autobiography, "The Little Way," builds total confidence to a most loving Father and cites St. John's Doctrine of the Cross as the royal road to perfection.

This is one chance for readers to understand this seeming paradox. Father Agruda will deliver his lecture on the two great Carmelite saints at Miriam College this Wednesday, March 7, at 10 a.m.

Not against Erap or GMA

READERS' ADVOCATE

Raul J. Palabrica

THE SHOE appears to be on the other foot. The INQUIRER is no longer anti-Erap, it's anti-Gloria now.

This seems to be the impression of reader Jesus Enrique Martinez who took issue with the Feb. 25 headline of the newspaper that read "Saguisag: Probe Gloria-AFP plot."

He wrote in part: "I was shocked that 'my' INQUIRER (which I look for each and every morning) carried such a headline. It seriously appears that Rene Saguisag has not only been able to ingratiate himself with some reporters but has also developed an inordinate amount of sympathy for this lost Erap case that anything he utters is 'newsworthy.'

"How does the utterance of Saguisag in this quixotic effort qualify as headline news? I can agree that selling the paper is a great task but does the INQUIRER have to sink this low? When Saguisag makes an intriguing statement that on its face borders on the ridiculous, does he have to get any publicity whatsoever?

"This administration is one month old for Pete's sake. Can 'my' INQUIRER not, even subtly, help put it on high ground? The headline gives the whole world the impression that the President of our country has now engaged Saguisag in a debate over an issue that he himself conjured."

When asked to comment on the letter, the editor in chief said the banner headline treatment given to Saguisag's statement had nothing to do with his person or his alleged good relations with the reporters as to be able to get front-page treatment for his demand to look into the meetings that then Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo had with military and police officials.

In the first place, she stressed, it is the editor in chief, in consultation with the senior editors, not the reporters, who decides which news goes to the front page or should be accorded banner treatment.

It's news

The editor in chief explained that, in the course of the preparation of the Feb. 25 edition of the newspaper, Saguisag's call for an investigation of the meetings stood out as the most significant among the events that happened the day before. The rest were either too minor to be the subject of a banner headline or were related to incidents that have been reported extensively before.

The former president's lawyer raised certain issues about the actions of Ms Macapagal when she was still Vice President that the editor in chief believes the readers should know and think about. It was a legitimate response by Saguisag to the statements of Ms Macapagal that had a bearing on the case he filed before the Supreme Court questioning the validity of her assumption of the highest office of the land.

Whether or not the concerns raised by Saguisag are valid, ridiculous or should be treated as mere ranting by a lawyer who wants to earn his attorney's fees is for the readers to decide.

What mattered at the time that news about Saguisag's action reached the newsroom was for that information to be conveyed to the public to enable them to get the other side of the story on the then Vice President's meetings with key military and police officials prior to her Jan. 20 oath-taking.

The editor in chief took issue with the reader's statement that the headline gave the impression to the whole world that our President had been drawn to a debate over an issue that Saguisag had initiated.

Assuming that claim to be true, she did not find anything wrong with Ms Macapagal responding to the letter of the lawyer of her predecessor, or to any Filipino citizen for that matter, regardless of his or her station in life. That "exchange" should be viewed instead as a sign of the healthy state of democracy in our country.

On the question of helping put the Macapagal administration on a high ground, the editor in chief was quick to answer that the duty of the INQUIRER is to report newsworthy events, not to be an extension arm of the propaganda machine of the administration or any government office.

According to her, the responsibility of assisting the administration get the high ground rests with the press secretary, presidential spokesperson, Philippine Information Agency and other government offices that have been allocated millions of pesos in tax money to create a good image for the administration.

She ended her explanation with the statement that the INQUIRER is not anti-Gloria as it was not anti-Erap when the latter was still in power. The newsworthy events will be reported as they happen regardless of who is in or out of Malacañang.

Comic strip

Not the news but a comic strip ("Pugad Baboy") created by INQUIRER resident cartoonist Pol Medina Jr. was the subject of the e-mail of Jaime Garchitorena.

The comic strip that earned the reader's ire appeared on Feb. 19. It shows a "shaolin master" talking about the "juices of the weed, 'grassmoker,' seeds and flowers" to a young man who appeared to be in a dazed condition. When the master opened his closed fist to show a cockroach, the young man drew it into his nose with a snort. The young man then raised his two fingers and said "peace, man."

The reader wrote: "Drugs are never funny and to imply that the skillful use of drugs by a cartoon character and its prerequisite to achieving some status by a character so popular as Bab is inexcusable. I realize that there may be a redemption scene in your lineup, however as your cartoon comes in strips and cannot be taken in context of the entire story, it runs the risk of sending out the wrong message.

"Please be aware of your responsibilities as a member of the mass media. Save these references to drugs for your book shelf editions where it can be rated for its content and sold to those with adequate maturity and understanding, PEACE."

Replying to the reader's letter, Medina explained "Bab (referring to the young man in the comic strip) is a relic of the '70s. I present him as the oldest hippie in the world. He also is a total loser. He does not represent the youth. He represents what the youth ought NOT to be."

"If the reader has been following my comic strip religiously, he will see that every time Bab uses marijuana, his own mother sends him to jail or rehabilitation. The only reason Bab is popular is because I created him as a bad example."

The readers' advocate hopes Medina's explanation is acceptable to the reader and will put an end to the issue on whether the subject comic strip sends the wrong message to the newspaper's young readers.

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Letters from Kiram

LETTER FROM MINDANAO

Carolyn O. Arguillas

I SPENT part of my day-off Friday attending my niece Jaybee's "pass in" (pass-in-review) of the Preparatory Military Training (Citizens Army Training during my time) at the Ateneo de Davao High School and couldn't help but recall how it was like many years ago when playing soldier seemed fun, when we didn't have any idea what martial law meant beyond the blasted curfew that would turn all of us into Cinderellas when the clock struck 12 midnight.

The school's parking lot was filled, as expected, and there was a long line of cars outside the campus. Not as many, though, as when these kids, along with the juniors, had their prom two weeks ago at the Davao Convention Center. Then, they were in their gowns and suits. Now in their soldier uniforms, you couldn't tell your niece from the other. Two hours under the sun in their "pass-in," about 10 kids nearly "passed out." The exhibition platoon acted with precision as its elements moved, turned and aimed their wooden rifles. The crowd applauded. I had mixed feelings. The wooden rifles brought back images of last year's "all-out war."

I wonder how these kids would have felt if they had gone to an evacuation center and see kids their age and younger who have become so familiar with the sight of real rifles and armalites, tanks and howitzers, mortars and bombs dropping from the skies.

I wonder if they know that while they worry over where to eat, their counterparts in the war-ravaged areas in Central Mindanao and Sulu, worry over what to eat.

Lucky kids. Lucky niece. In three weeks, they will have graduated from high school and go on to college, all of them so excited, among them, my niece, who is going to UP. But how many are as lucky?

Thirteen-year-old Kiram (not his real name) desperately wants to go to school but had to drop out, citing among other reasons, the fact that he has no notebook. Kiram, like thousands of other children in situation of armed conflict, couldn't return to formal school because of the war. He "enrolled" in Level IV of the Emergency Education Programme, a component of Oxfam Great Britain's Emergency Programme in Central Mindanao, in one of four makeshift classrooms in the Pagalungan Central Elementary School. Here are three letters he wrote his teacher some time between Jan. 8 this year (when classes started) and when he "dropped out" of school on Feb. 10.

"1. *Minamahal kong guro, gusto kong malaman mo na hindi pa ako makapag aral ngayong hapon ser dahil may konting problema. Naubusan na ako ng notes. Pumunta ako sa nanay para humingi ng pambili ng notebook wala siyang pera ayaw ko naman pumunta sa ate ko kasi nahihiya ako pero huwag kang mag alala hanggat bukas mag iisip ako ng paraan kung paano ako makabili ng notebook. Nagmamahal Kiram. Bye ser. Siya nga pala ser huwag ka magalit ha...ser dahil talagang wala akong notebook. ayaw kong magsinungaling sayo ser.*

"2. *Minamahal kong maistro—gusto kong malaman mo na hindi pa rin ako titigil sa pag aaral ko. Nakapag absent ako sa dalawang araw dahil naglubag ang bunganga ko hindi naman dito sa bunganga kundi dito sa ibaba ng bunganga ko ser. Kahit maliit lang pero sobrang sakit sir. Pati rin itong kamay ko nasugatan ng kutsilyo dahil nung nangingisda ako natamaan ng kutsilyo. Kung gusto mong maglagay ka ng absent hindi ako magagalit dahil yon naman ang patakaran ng pag aaral. Hanggang dito na lamang ang aking ser.* KIRAM. *Bye mga classmates.*

"3. *Minamahal kong maistro. Sana maunawaan mo ako at maintindihan at sana hwag ka magagalit ser. gusto kong malaman mo ser na titigil na ako sa pag aaral dahil kukunin ako ni Neneng para magtrabaho sa Medsayap. Alam mo naman kaming mag anak mahirap lang. Kaya gusto kong makatulong sa mga magulang ko kahit kaunti may maitutulong din ako sa mga tatay at nanay ko. Yong tatay ko hindi ko tunay na tatay pangalawang tatay ko na yan ser. Kaya ako naghanap ng trabaho para makatulong din ako sa kanila. Marunong na ako mahiya ser kaya naghanap na lang ako. Alam mo naman ang tatay mong hindi tunay hindi mo makuha ang gusto mong bilhin kaya sana maintindihan mo ako ser. Kaya patawad ser. Hanggang dito lamang ser. Pahabol sana huwag kang magalit ser. Mahal ko kayong lahat katulad ng sinabi sa pag absent ko ayaw mo akong mawala ako ser.* KIRAM"

Lai Omar of the Emergency Education Staff of Oxfam in Cotabato, says the emergency classes, handled by teacher-aides under the supervision of licensed teachers, are aimed at providing "continued elementary education to evacuee children as a result of the conflicts in the region; help the children catch up on basic literacy and numeracy skills; integrate health and sanitation into the basic literacy and numeracy curriculum; provide psychosocial care for children victims of the war through non-fermal methods; help prepare children for possible reintegration into the formal system and support the public school system in responding to the emergency through psychosocial care and training for the public school teachers in the pilot areas.

The Oxfam program, in partnership with the Department of Education in the ARMM, is presently serving 320 children aged 6 to 13 in Levels 1 to 4 and is being expanded to the other areas of Pagalungan for 400 evacuee children. The emergency classes began Jan. 8 but the idea behind the program came up as early as February 1999 when a team from Oxfam noted how the conflicts were affecting the education of children and when no one could have imagined that a year later, Erap would declare his all-out war. I hope Kiram, wherever he is in Midsayap, North Cotabato, has found a job and can go to school in June and the evacuee children and their parents can return home.

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Sometimes in one's life, you come across people whose lives touch you, like Kiram.

I am fortunate to have met Kiram, though only through his letters. As I am fortunate to have come across so many people whose commitment to fight for causes they believe in never wavers, the odds notwithstanding.

Like the bubble in a spirit level

COMMENTARY

Dean Jorge Bocobo

UMBRAGE should not be taken by the Office of the Ombudsman over the inordinate amount of attention, or sometimes uncharitable commentary, that it has received since Joseph Estrada was ousted. Notoriety, and even infamy, are inherent in the Erap case. So public scrutiny will be relentless over the actions of the Ombudsman during Erap's prosecution.

Aniano Desierto is sure to feel the spotlight seeking out his unfortunate carcass once again, now that the Supreme Court has cleared the way for the criminal prosecution of Erap on various charges, including non-bailable, you-can-be-arrested-for-it, plunder. The curtains are now rising on this real-life drama, with the basso profundo of the Supreme Court orchestra, unanimously canonizing as constitutional, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's ascension to the presidency, and declaring Erap as no longer immune from criminal suit. In effect, the Supreme Court has justified the means by which Erap was ousted, that most desirable end attained by a peaceful military-backed civilian revolt, as due to Erap's "effective resignation." This clears the way for criminal proceedings.

The Ombudsman will now be thrust on to center stage once more, as a chorus of civil society groups and prominent individuals, including impeachment prosecutor Joker Arroyo, urge the start of a swift and effective prosecution, even though the high court's decision came out only late last Friday. After being temporarily, and mercifully, sidelined and gagged during the adjudication of the Supreme Court cases, Desierto may be thinking, "Here we go again. Damned if you do and damned if you don't."

Since Erap's ouster, the Ombudsman has been scrambling to do a job that comes only rarely in a nation's history but tailor-made for a special prosecutor. Yet like the reluctant understudy who must suddenly perform the role of a prima ballerina on gala night, the Ombudsman seems to wither in the glare of public attention on this spectacular legal case. Perhaps, he is only too conscious of previous performances that have flopped miserably and disappointed many.

He certainly does not give the impression of relishing the unique challenge that fickle history or unsuspected destiny, or people power, have given him. He seems to detest pain, and to shrink from the job at hand.

But who can blame him? It's a delicate operation, this charging, arresting, prosecuting, trying, convicting and finally punishing a former president. Already in the penultimate period of a seven-year tenure that has rarely earned plaudits from pundits and public alike, Desierto is now locked in a legal-surreal *pas de deux* with Erap. There is no easy way to escape this bear-hug dance, no graceful way out, no way to finesse it, so as to be saved by the retirement bell. Desierto must wake and sleep to it, live and breath it, with media hanging on every statement, filming every facial gesture, and kibitzers aplenty pouncing on every nuance.

He may come to feel like a dog-catcher locked in a cage with a lion. Perhaps he would rather be let off the hook from a situation that he doesn't want to handle and is only forced to, by cruel fate. His general demeanor in public suggests an uneasiness with the challenge he faces. This is not a case that can be dismissed with impunity or handled carelessly or allowed to slip quietly into oblivion, without arousing public ire. He seems to be dismayed by the inescapable logic of this appointed task. He is caught in the vise-like grip of the Erap case. The special prosecutor is as much a prisoner of the process as the principal accused. To borrow some lines from the poet Elizabeth Bishop, he is caught, "like the bubble in a spirit level, a creature divided, or a compass needle, wobbling and wavering, undecided."

Erap's prosecution promises to be a long, if not interminable one, but Desierto must deliver results before he goes. The public will surely watch like a hawk to see if it will end as ineffectually as the prosecution of Marcos era criminals. It will take exceptional fortitude to see this through, something Desierto has not yet displayed and for which he has not been prepared by previous accomplishments.

If the accusations are true that he has done less than a sterling job in the past, then this captivity in a dance of justice and retribution with Erap, belongs to the category of just desserts for Desierto, the inexorable workings of karma.

He can always resign, and perhaps he should, for the good of the nation, if he concludes he cannot hack it. Yet, if he decides he cannot and will not disappoint history, we must root for the hapless Desierto. The nation's lot is cast with his own, and he even has a chance at greatness. I for one am a great believer in the corrigibility and perfectibility of man and human societies, despite previous evidence to the contrary. I would cheer for Desierto if he starts doing a good job.

The successful prosecution of Erap, with a fair trial and just verdict, is ultimately more important in justifying the nation's actions than any Supreme Court decision. It would show that not only our democratic processes but also our values and ideals are ready for the future. It would be absurd if we could not prove Erap's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

We cannot deny that Edsa II was necessitated by the failure of our most important social institutions first, to check a rampagingly bad president, and second, to remove him when he would not voluntarily resign despite a scandal-ridden tenure. It was the rule of moral law, established by unconventional means by that amorphous and ill-defined force called "civil society." Now that law must rule and Desierto must allow himself to be the instrument of its justice. It is a commitment to the right course by officials like him, with a less than ideal record in office, that would show we have indeed turned the corner as a democratic nation.

THEY SAID

Punishment

"If I win, it would be a big sacrifice on my part for public service is truly a punishing experience."

—Former PCSO Chair Manuel Morato on his bid for a Senate seat

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‘Railroading’ the failure of Estrada cases

THERE are some disturbing moves at the Ombudsman's office with regard to its preparation of criminal cases against ousted President Joseph Estrada. The Ombudsman had been "tattling," as Sen. Blas Ople correctly observed, on the various cases against Estrada. Short of pre-judging the cases, the Ombudsman ought to be circumspect on the matters as he is handling very serious cases which involve a former president. None of the people tasked with prosecuting the cases should be "talking too much" regarding the cases otherwise he is telegraphing his plans of action or forewarning the lawyers of the accused which is even more ominous. The Supreme Court is supposed to have issued a gag order until it has decided on the legitimacy of the Macapagal presidency.

I hope there is no deliberate effort on the part of the Ombudsman's office to railroad a failure of the cases by its "legal" indiscretions and in the end lose the battle for justice for the Filipino people by default. I hate to think of the aftermath.—**ARMANDO G. LIM, Marfori Heights Subd., Davao City**

Testing those who seek public office

ALLOW me to extend my appreciation for Samuel J. Yap's suggestion that preliminary qualifying tests (or exams) be conducted on any "qualified citizen" seeking political office. (PDI, 2/21/01) This is indeed a laudable idea.

I am sure that Yap's proposal, given the voice and support of media and the enlightened citizenry, will find popular acceptance.

Of course there will be those who will vociferously oppose it. They will throw in the civil rights violation bogey. They will liken it with the US literacy test common in many Southern States that kept many qualified Black Americans from voting and/or running for office. Happily, he US Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s obliterated the practice.

That is not the same situation as what we see in the Philippines. A Candidate Testing Commission, as Yap envisions, would be charged to identify and determine how well qualified an applicant is for public office. Be it as a city or municipal mayor, a congressman, a senator or as president of the republic.

The commission will eliminate the pretender whose purpose is simply to attain power and influence, to enjoy the prestige, the perks and the fringe benefits, whose idea of service to the community or the nation is listed at the bottom of his agenda, if at all. Feathering his nest is his primary objective.

Safely ensconced in office, the pretender is now in a position to dispense favors to his constituents whose gratitude is often found inside a white envelope. The pretender makes sure that his "favored" friends understand the effectiveness of QBDs—quiet bank deposits.

As long as the Filipino remains wanting in civic pride, is apathetic and ignorant, pretenders will continue to appear. The so-called *masa* will continue to elect the popular, who can sing, dance and can play the buffoon. They will continue to vote for incompetents, crooks and any suave, smooth-talking lecher.

I have heard it said in jest that if someone wants to get rich quickly, he should run for office. How sad that this idea even exists.—**JANE WELBA-GUTIERREZ, Candelaria, Quezon**

Not enough letters from Mindanao

IT has been observed that the INQUIRER seldom prints letters or contributions of writers from Mindanao, especially if it is written favoring our President. Why? Is it because you feel that the Philippines is only represented by the people of Luzon? You know this is the reason why there is such a thing as rebellion, because people from far-flung areas are neglected and not heard. Just like you, you seem not to care about our feelings here, that's why you choose letters that are acceptable to your views. I thought of writing this piece as a gauge of what really is your view of things and I hope to see this piece printed.—**HADJA JAHURA EDDING-JULWADI, Sibuco, Zamboanga del Norte**

WE certainly hope we have established a record of fairness and objectivity over the years. We will continue to improve on this record in the times ahead. But there are simply too many letters and not enough space to accommodate all of them.—**Ed.**

Irrelevant, immaterial analogy

OUSTED President Joseph Estrada was absolutely correct when he declared that what happened to him could also befall President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, that is, if she ever resorts to Velardism and Mansions Galore, a forte of the former president.

Manuel Quezon was the President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines (not yet independent). Jose Laurel was the President of the Republic of the Philippines (made in Japan). As night is different from day, there were no two presidents as deviously asserted by Estrada's lawyer. The bigger the loot plundered, the more dubious lawyers vie to defend the superplunderer. The analogy by Estrada's lawyer is irrelevant and immaterial.—**VICTOR MURILLO, 658 Maharlika St., Mandaluyong City**

No end to bashing from the media

I AM utterly dismayed by the continued and seemingly unending bashing I receive from your newspaper. In a front-page article last Feb. 21, titled "National Security post to Golez, DOH to Dayrit" written by Donna S. Cueto and Martin Marfil, there is a paragraph which reads: "The appointment of Abadia as national security adviser was the subject of intense criticism from various sectors because of his involvement in the military pension fund scam."

I have never been involved in any fund scam in all my life. I have given you the Ombudsman's clearance regarding the Retirement and Separation Benefits System fund mess and I have given you an explanation on how the RSBS got into some problems, particularly liquidity, as a result of over-borrowing and over-investment in real estate long after I retired. I am again enclosing an article I have written in the latest issue of the Cavalier Magazine and I hope this could be circulated among your columnists, writers and reporters.

As a result of Defense Secretary Orlando Mercado's dramatics when he resigned because he could not work with me on account of the RSBS fund irregularity, the media have been feasting on my sullied honor, dignity and professional reputation. If my honor is the carcass, it has been stripped to the bone. The media can be very cruel indeed.

I have been to many battles and probably killed hundreds, but the battles were fought fair and square. The battle I am engaged in the media now is unfairly weighted against me. I have fought more than 1,000 Moro National Liberation Front rebels with only a little over 100 men and prevailed. The battle raged for two days from morning till night. I read the Bible and the words of God have been my comforter through all these media-bashing days. But I can feel that the devil has been very busy tempting me to do something really stupid.

I humbly plead to you again to convince your columnists, writers and reporters to stop peddling lies about me. *Maawa naman kayo.*—**GEN. LISANDRO C. ABADIA, (Ret.)**

Las Piñas' costly 'Friendship Routes'

THE LAS Piñas government has been fairly successful solving its traffic problem, thanks to its novel "Friendship Route" scheme where private motorists from the city have access to private subdivision roads. But this success may not last because some homeowners' associations exact fees from P100 and up for the residency certifications required by Las Piñas authorities for its free "Friendship Route" stickers. Some motorists are turned off by the organization's greed that they don't buy these so-called free decals. Result: they cannot detour to the private subdivision roads and add to the clogging of the public streets.

The city honchos should do away with this residency certification to stop the abuse. Anyway, they already require photocopies of car registrations from the Land Transportation Office.—**LARRY G. NOVENARIO, 2-2 Molave St., 2nd Reyville Subd., Pamplona, Las Piñas**

Contrary view on e-Pass scheme

COULD somebody please calculate the losses to the economy on wasted fuel and manpower due to the introduction of the e-Pass by the Philippine National Construction Corp.? It must be running into millions daily.

It takes me now at least 20 minutes longer to drive from Makati to Alabang since most exits are now clogged all the way to the previous interchange. There is no point for me to have an e-Pass since my commuting is mostly between two interchanges south of Alabang. Yet I am affected by this e-Pass scam, oops, I mean scheme.

What right does the PNCC have to lord it over the motoring public? Motorists should unite against the arrogance of power of the PNCC. Let's unleash motorist power against the PNCC.—**PETER HEISS, Central P.O. Box 2372, Makati City**

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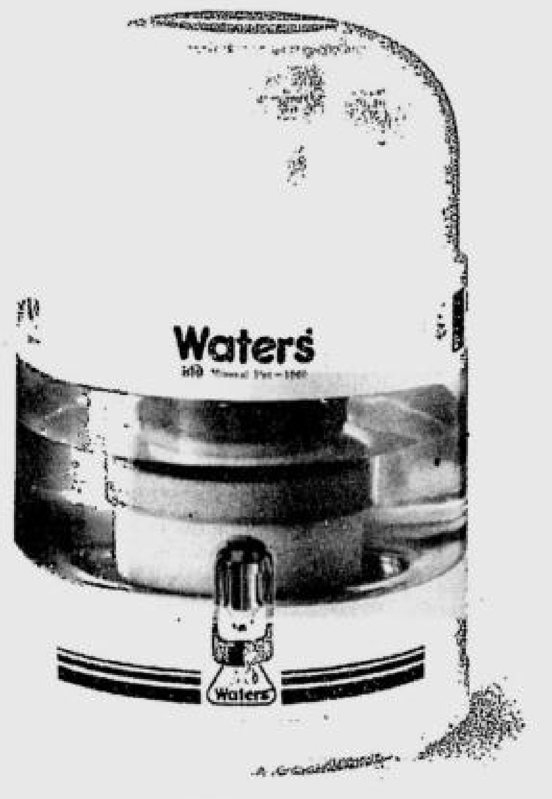

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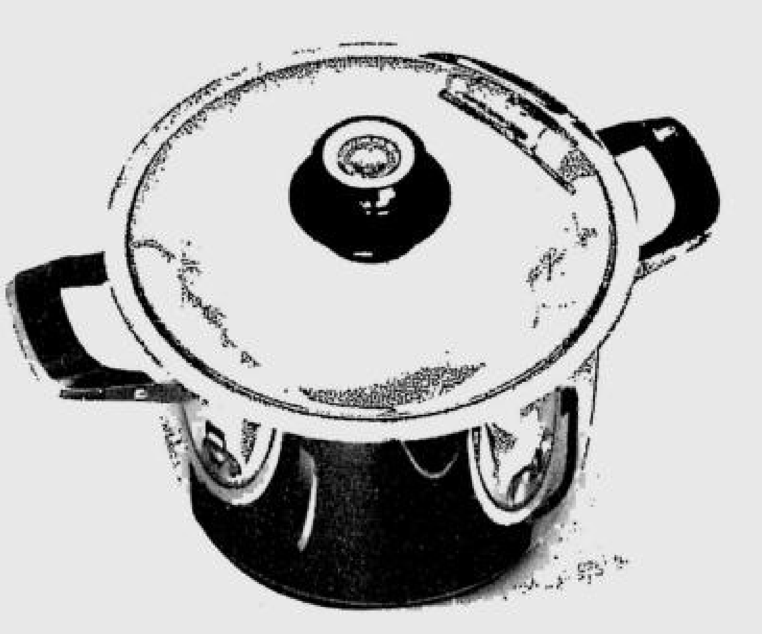

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1 killed, 7 hurt in Thai jet blast

Execs say premier was to board plane bound for Chiang Mai

BANGKOK—Aviation officials suspect the fire that engulfed a Thai Airways jet minutes before Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra was to board was the result of sabotage, reports said Sunday.

One person was killed and seven others injured when the Thai Airways International Boeing 737-400 bound for the northern city of Chiang Mai exploded in flames on the tarmac at Bangkok's domestic airport Saturday afternoon.

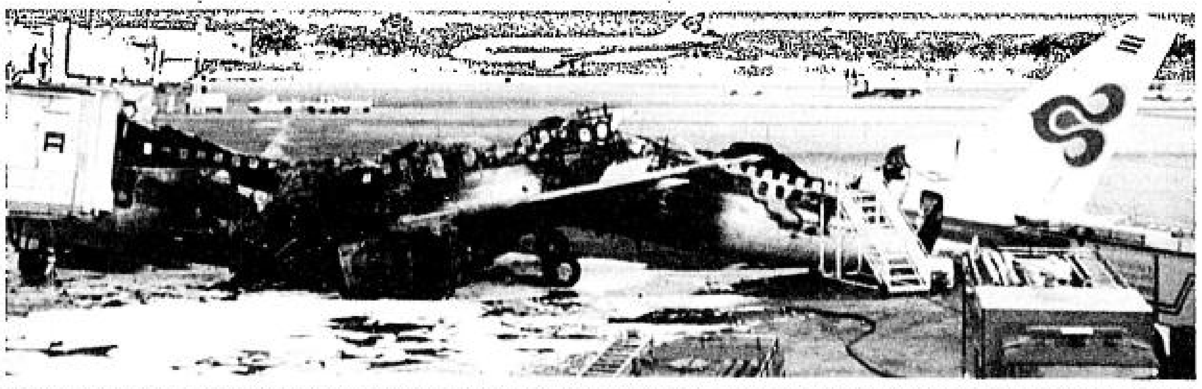
Investigators from the Airports Authority of Thailand believe the blaze may have been caused by a bomb most likely targeting the prime minister, the Bangkok Post said.

An aviation official said the fire was too fierce to have resulted from onboard sparks, it said.

Bangkok's deputy chief of police Major General Jongrak Jutanon said Sunday that forensic experts were analyzing evidence from the explosion site.

"We are now in the process of collecting evidence from what had been sent to the forensics department, which will prove (the origin of the explosion) by scientific methods and will take time.

"We cannot say right now that it was from a bomb. We need to wait for all details from police, air force and airport authorities."



THE BURNED remains of a Thai Airways Boeing 737 sits on the tarmac at Bangkok airport, March 3: Newly elected Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra escaped death when the plane burst into flames before he could board the aircraft.

REUTERS

Thai Airways president Bhisit Kuslasayanon said Saturday that a loud explosion was heard before the fire broke out and that the plane's engines were off at the time.

"A loud noise was heard, like an explosion. It was heard by many people," he said.

Some of the plane's luggage had been loaded at the time of the fire, and all the luggage had been screened with an X-ray machine, Bhisit added.

An X-ray machine at the domestic terminal had been out of operation early yesterday but had been fixed before passengers checked in for the flight, the Post said.

Thai Airways began using X-ray screening for baggage checked in for domestic flights only on March 1. Previously the airline screened only carry-on luggage for domestic flights.

"It affects Thai Airways International's image, so we will be more strict (about security)," Bhisit said Sunday.

About half the luggage had been loaded onto the plane when an explosion was heard, witnesses said.

No passengers had boarded the plane.

Thai Airways executive vice president Chusak Bhachaiyudh said as the engines had been off it would have been impossible for the explosion to be caused by malfunction. *AFP*

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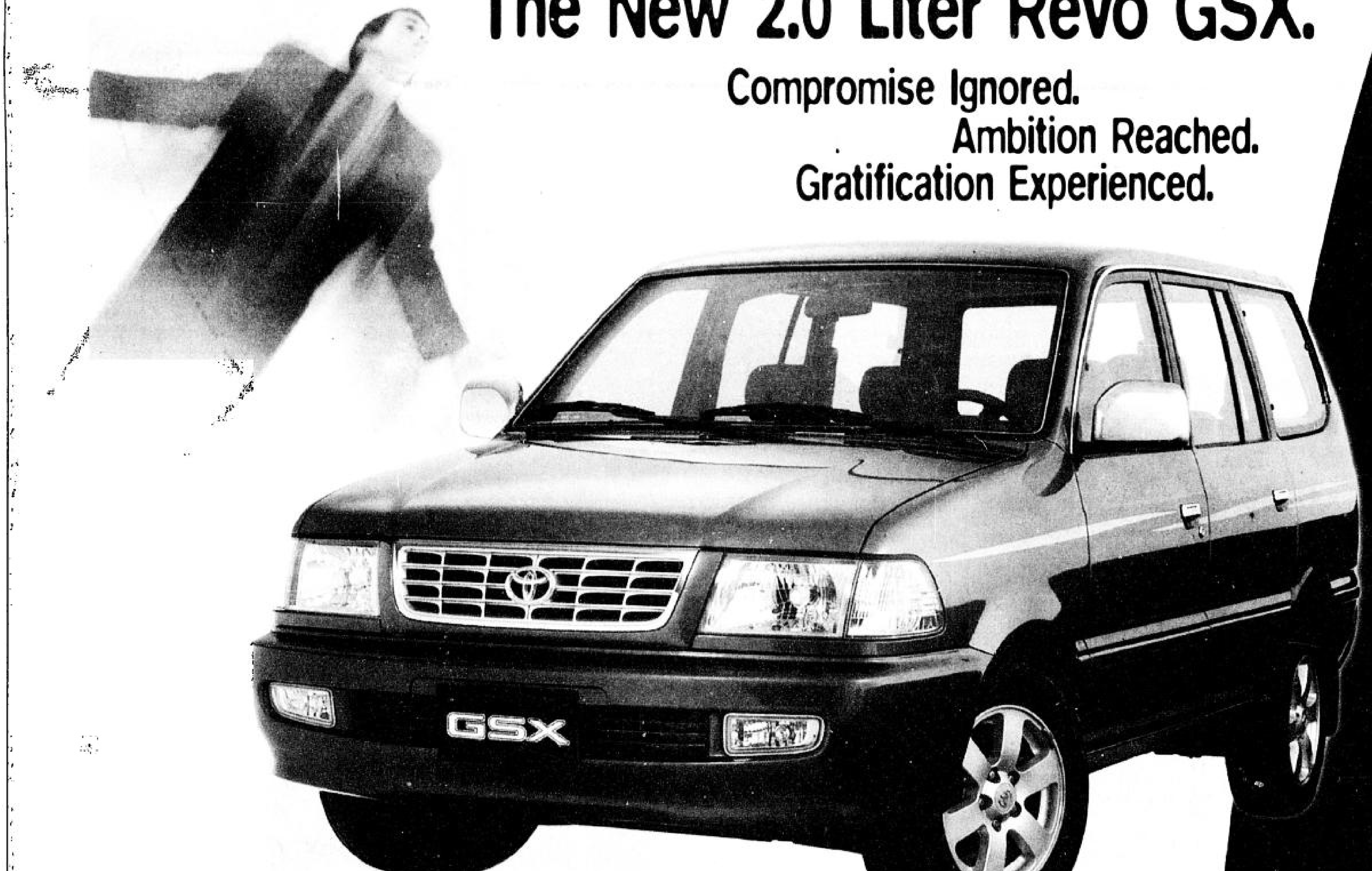

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Ex-Fiji PM faces opposition from own party

SUVA, Fiji—Fiji's deposed prime minister was facing a challenge Sunday from within his political coalition to replace him and clear the way for a government of national unity.

Some groups in the five-party People's Coalition of ousted premier Mahendra Chaudhry want to replace the ethnic Indian Fijian as leader with Tupeni Baba, an indigenous Fijian. Some coalition leaders believe they can only regain power with an indigenous Fijian in the ethnically divided nation.

The move against Chaudhry came as Fiji's political factions scrambled in the wake of a ruling by the Court of Appeals last week that an interim government imposed after a coup last May was illegal. The government was ordered to recall parliament by March 15 to select a new administration.

The interim government has said it will comply with the court order, but nationalist groups may oppose the ruling. The nation's powerful tribal chiefs may also intervene against the ruling.

Baba, former deputy prime minister and foreign minister, told the Associated Press on Sunday that members of the coalition have asked him to challenge Chaudhry as leader.

"Yes, I have been asked, yes, but I don't want it to be said that I was merely asked because I am Fijian," Baba said. "If I served in that position I would like to serve as a person who has the merit and the acceptability of the Fijian people."

But Chaudhry repeated his claim Sunday that he is still Fiji's legal prime minister, and said that he believes he retains the support of his coalition.

Many within and outside the People's Coalition argue that only an indigenous Fijian can unite the nation and form a government of national unity. In addition, Chaudhry was widely criticized for his overbearing manner as prime minister.

A group of nationalist gunmen toppled Chaudhry's government last May, plunging the South Pacific nation into chaos. The military eventually put an interim government into power, but the appeals court ruled it lacked a legal right to rule.

AP

BBC ON FIRE? REUTERS

A taxi explodes outside BBC television studios in west London, March 3. British police suspect the real IRA renegade guerrilla group of Northern Ireland of planting powerful explosives in the vehicle which blew up as a bomb disposal unit was carrying out a controlled explosion.

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Pilgrims flow into Mecca for 1st rite of annual hajji

MECCA, Saudi Arabia—Two million Muslims from around the world flowed into the Mina valley outside the holy city of Mecca by bus, car or on foot Saturday in the first ritual of the annual hajj pilgrimage.

"Here I am, Allah, answering your call," the sea of humanity chanted, retracing Prophet Mohammad's steps from Mecca to Mina, where the pilgrims were to spend the night under 44,000 tents.

The official Saudi news agency SPA said the migration toward Mina, an uninhabited valley circled by arid mountains, was free of incident.

Due to heavy congestion on the wide paved road leading to the valley, the 12-km drive took several hours rather than the normal 15 minutes of other days.

"I spent a big portion of my earnings just to be here," said Issa, an Arab-American who paid $5,000 to make the hajj from San Francisco, California. "It's a magnificent feeling."

The pilgrims who opted to make the "journey of faith" on foot carried umbrellas to shield them against the Gulf sun, as thousands of unarmed Saudi police lined the roads in a massive security operation.

Bottled drinking water and bread were distributed along the route, dotted with clinics to provide first aid. Hajj authorities have laid on a daily consignment of five million loaves of bread.

"It's been my dream to come back to this place since I did the pilgrimage 30 years ago," said 64-year-old Abdullah from Lebanon.

From next year, Saudi authorities—as part of measures to ease the numbers—plan to impose a ban on pilgrims returning for the hajj more than once every five years.

Quotas are already imposed on each Muslim country according to population.

A record 1.5 million pilgrims have poured into Saudi Arabia this year, joining around 500,000 Muslim pilgrims who live in the kingdom, for the hajj, which is one of the five pillars of Islam.

Saudi authorities have spent hundreds of millions of dollars to cut down the risk of disaster during the annual mass gathering of the Muslim faithful.

The Mina tents are air-conditioned and fireproofed to prevent a recurrence of a blaze that cost 343 lives in 1997.

Meanwhile, the faithful who have converged on Saudi Arabia from 160 countries are preparing for the climax of their pilgrimage.

Pilgrims—the men clad in two-piece seamless white cloth, the women covered except for the hands and face—will gather Sunday on the plain of Arafat, 12 km from Mecca.

There they assemble for the "standing" on the Mount of Mercy for the climax of the 1,400-year-old hajj.

They are to spend the day praying for mercy, in a symbolic enactment of the Final Judgment at the scene of Prophet Mohammad's last sermon. *AFP*

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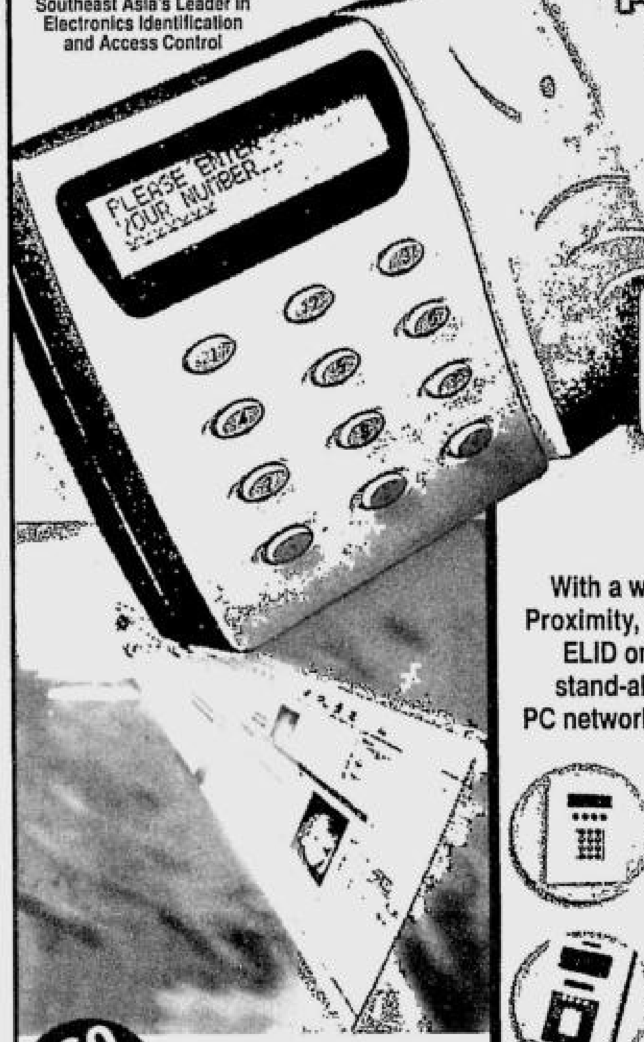

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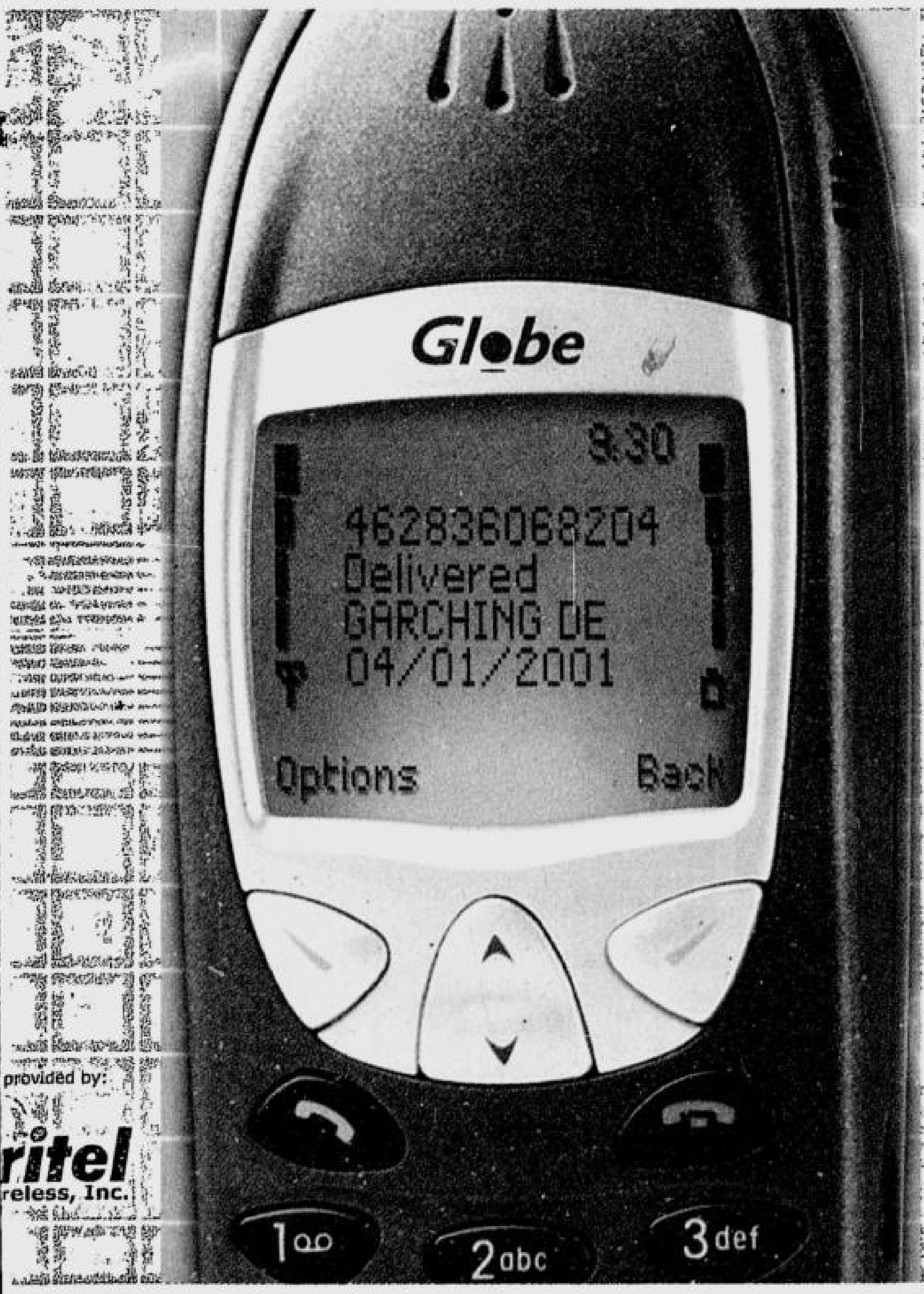

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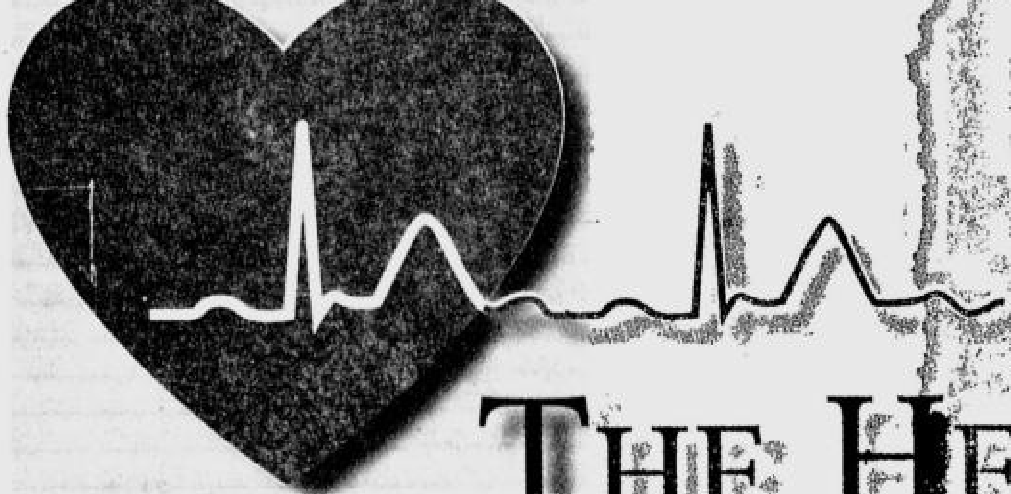

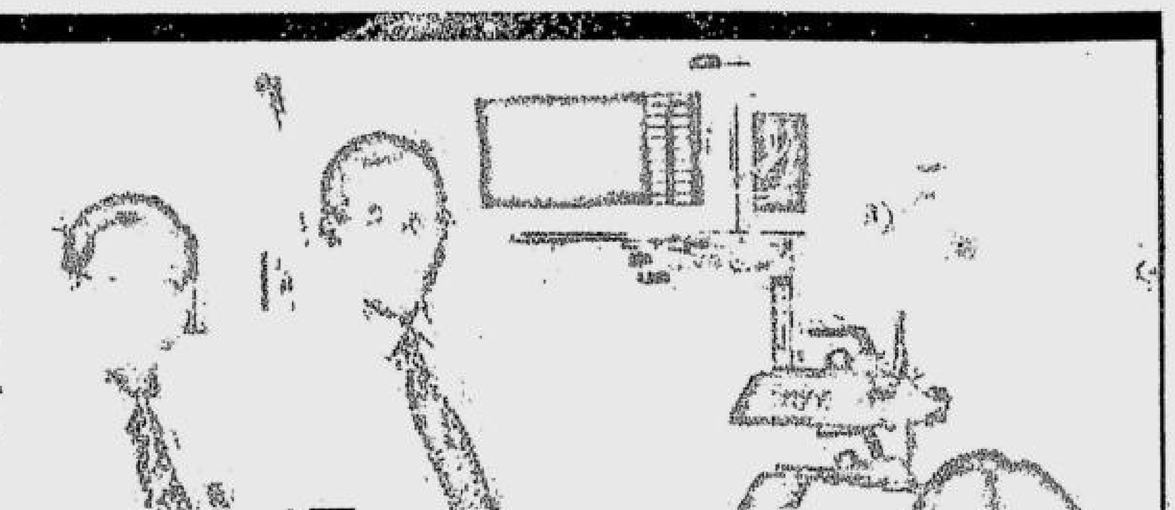

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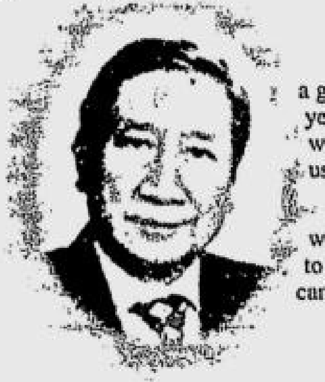

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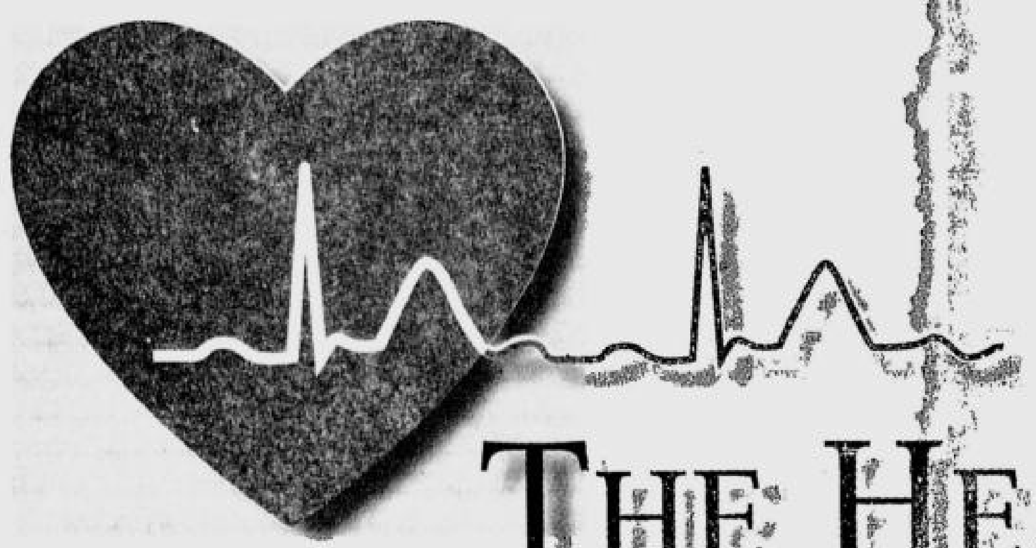

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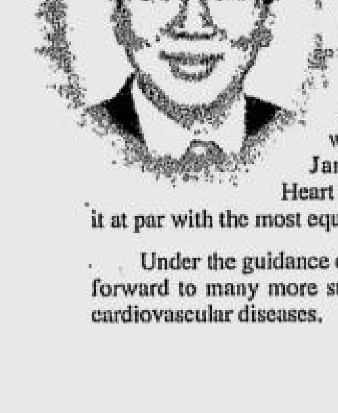

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Report says Mori faxed letter to Nokor's Kim

TOKYO—In a departure from usual diplomatic practice, Prime Minister Yoshiro Mori last summer faxed a letter to North Korean ruler Kim Jong-il without first consulting with the foreign ministry, a newspaper said Sunday.

Mori sent the fax to a senior official in North Korea's ruling Worker's Party who was visiting the Chinese capital of Beijing at the time, the nationwide Yomiuri Shimbun reported, citing unidentified government sources.

In the handwritten letter, Mori was thought to have invited Kim to meet with top Japanese leaders in the near future in an effort to improve relations between the longtime rivals.

Someone is believed to have related the contents of the fax to Kim, the report said.

"Such important communications by the prime minister are commonly entrusted to special envoys. Sending the letter by fax was extremely unwise, as doing so exposed it to third parties," the front-page article said.

Kazuhiko Koshikawa, a spokesperson for Mori, said Sunday that the prime minister has told opposition lawmakers questioning him on the affair that he never sent the fax. Koshikawa could not immediately elaborate.

Japanese are sensitive to issues related to North Korea, which lobbed a rocket over the Japanese archipelago in August 1998, rattling nerves across the region.

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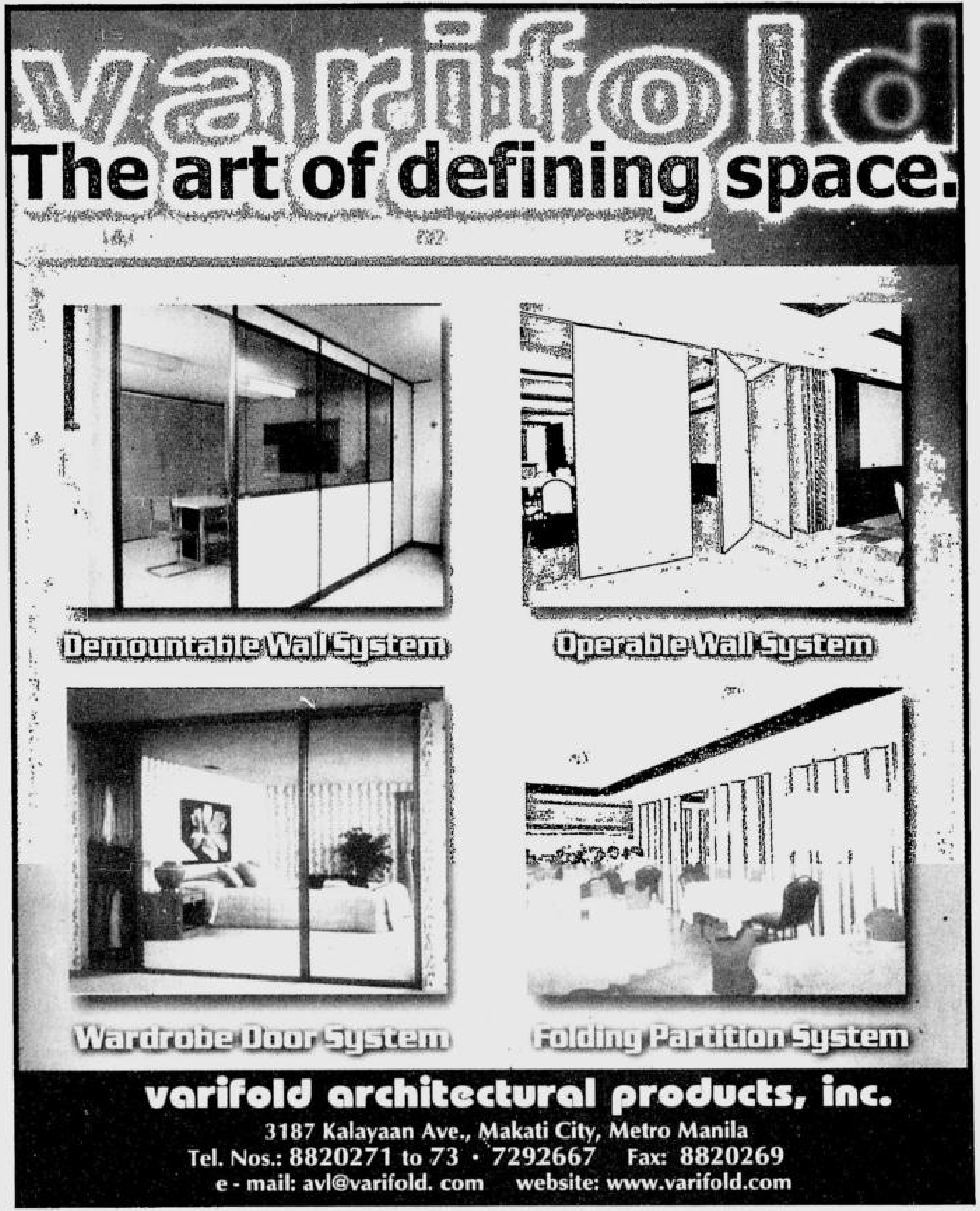

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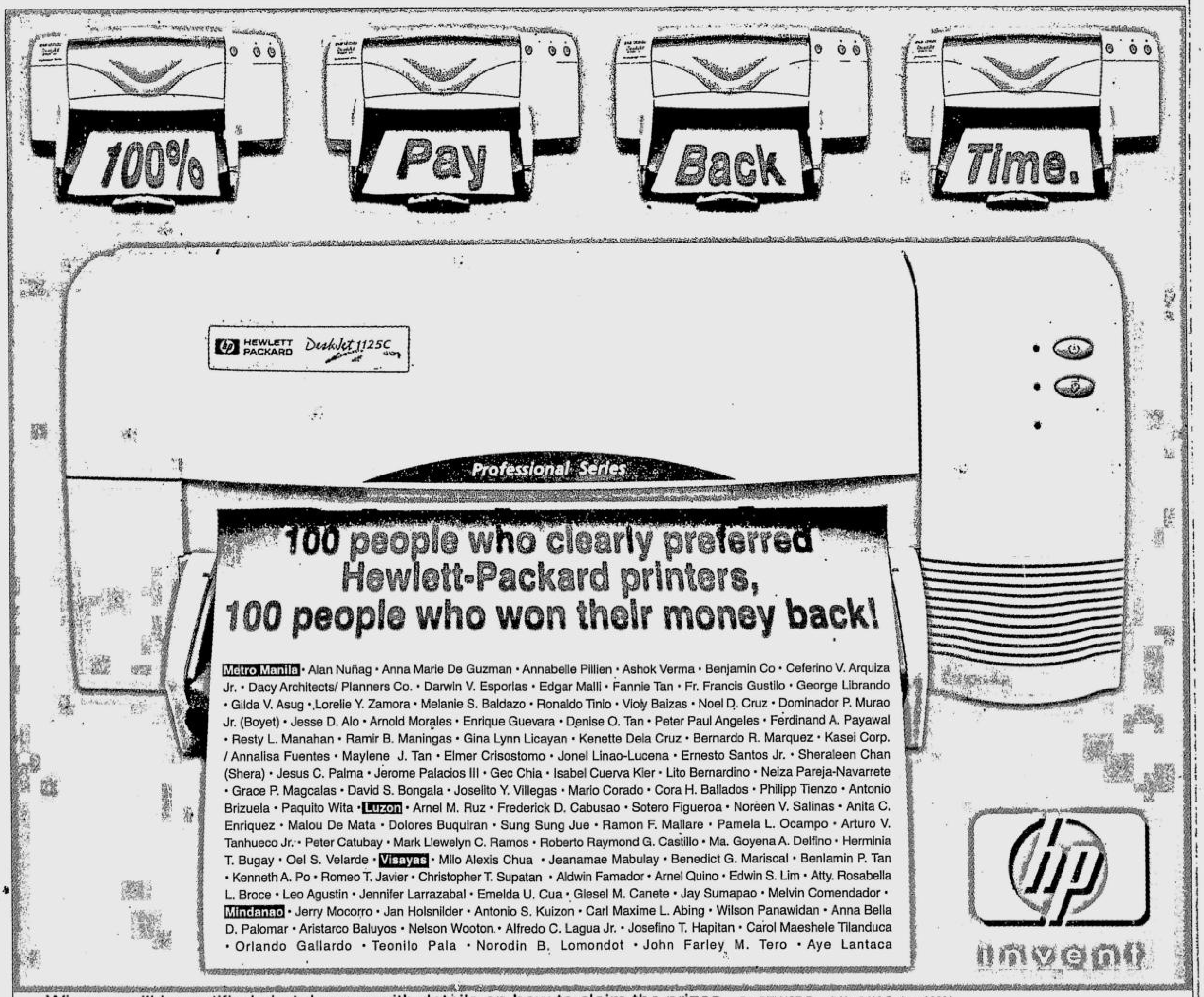

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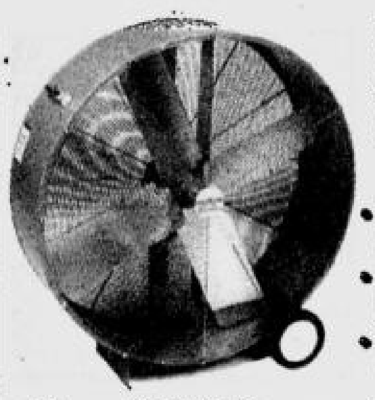
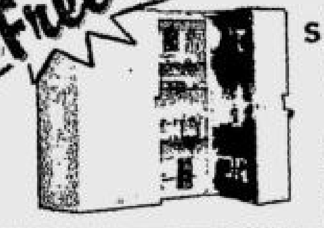
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PMAer's pa cries murder

STA. CRUZ, Ilocos Sur—2nd Lt. Jessica Chavez was killed in cold blood and there are three possible motives behind her slaying, said her father Efren after talking with National Bureau of Investigation and police investigators.

"From the explanations given me by investigators from the NBI and the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, I am now convinced that my daughter was murdered," Efren Chavez told the INQUIRER.

"She was killed because of jealousy, because she had bypassed someone or because she had discovered something," he said.

"It could be jealousy because my daughter was chosen for a study grant in Australia. She also told me that there have been some comparisons between Philippine Military Academy graduates and non-PMAers in the military," Chavez said.

Jessica, a member of PMA Class 2000, was found dead in her barracks at the Army headquarters in Fort Bonifacio, Makati City on Feb. 9. She died from a bullet wound in the chest.

Chavez said he learned that his daughter's superior officer had given her responsibilities that might have angered other men in her Army unit.

"I also learned that what was happening in their office was that whenever there were orders or instructions from her battalion commander, Maj. Ramon Dizon, these were given directly to her, ignoring other officials in the unit," Chavez said in Filipino. "I found out that there were tremendous pressures in her job."

He said the NBI and CIDG had given him more "revealing information" about the possible motives behind his daughter's murder but he refused to divulge them.

Chavez also lamented the way the pieces of evidence, especially those in the crime scene, were handled.

"They should have removed only Jessica's body and refrained from cleaning up the crime scene before they invited the CIDG to look into the case," he said.

"Why did they pass Jessica's gun around?" he asked.

He said he heard reports that Private Marie Juanitas, the first person to have come to Jessica's aid after a gunshot was heard in her room, was always crying every time she was invited to give light on the case.

Chavez reiterated his appeal to those who know about Jessica's death to come out and cooperate with investigators.

Chavez said test results showed that the gun that killed Jessica was fired within a range of zero to eight inches. He said his daughter's hands tested negative for powder burns. *Leoncio Balbin Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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Witness vs cop shot in head

CEBU CITY—The lone eyewitness to the killing of a tricycle driver, in which the suspect is a policeman, was shot in the head Friday noon by his newfound friend.

Lloyd Carampatan, 16, remained in critical condition at the Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center.

The suspect, only known as Roy, fled on board a waiting gray car after he shot Lloyd at the Cebu Business Park (CBP).

Lloyd and his family had been staying inside Camp Sotero Cabahug, headquarters of the Cebu City Police Command, after he identified PO3 Engelberto Durano as the one who shot dead Rogelio Bacalso Dec. 22 in Barangay Guadalupe.

Rogelio "Junvil" Bacalso Jr. said Roy invited him and Lloyd to Ayala Center Cebu. With them were Lloyd's sister Liezel and girlfriend Jonivie Gomez and her sister Zarlene.

Junvil said Lloyd initially refused to go with them because he was under police custody. But Roy allegedly convinced Lloyd not to ask permission and wear a cap and dark glasses to hide his identity.

Junvil said he walked with the girls while Roy and Lloyd trailed them. When they reached Negros Street at the CBP, Junvil said he saw Roy put his arms around Lloyd's shoulders. Then a shot rang out.

When he turned, Junvil said he saw Lloyd slumped on the pavement while Roy put back a firearm in his waist and ran to a gray car parked in the area.

Jane Carampatan, the victim's mother, said her children knew Roy for only about two weeks. Roy allegedly went inside the camp to play basketball with LJ, Lloyd's brother. He then befriended Lloyd and sister Liezel.

But she said she believed the shooting was planned by Durano because "he is angry at my son for testifying against him."

Supt. Ronald Roderos, Cebu City police director, said only Durano has a motive in killing the boy. But he said they had no evidence to prove this unless Roy was arrested.

Insp. Doreteo Mantos, chief of the police homicide division, said arresting Roy would be difficult because he had no known address and family name.

Durano's wife, Liza, denied that her husband was involved in the shooting. "That's merely speculation. They are scared because their allegations against my husband are not true. We will fight this out," she said. *Kathy Navarro and Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau*

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Northeastern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms mostly over the Eastern section.

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Negros radiomen complain of bias for rich candidates

BY CARLA GOMEZ
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—Some broadcast reporters in Negros Occidental are complaining that they are being gagged by their station managers against reporting on candidates.

The reporters, who asked not to be identified, said they were prohibited from reporting on candidates because their stations' policy is to allow only candidates who pay for airtime to go on air.

"It really can be described as news for sale. A candidate pays and the public hears about him, just like when one puts coin(s) in a jukebox," a female reporter told the INQUIRER.

Candidates who refuse to pay or can't afford to are mentioned briefly in news items but are the last priority because top billing is given to those who can pay airtime, the reporters said.

A reporter told the INQUIRER that there is often not enough news for the regular newscast because of the management's policy.

During the deadline of the filing of certificates of candidacy on Feb. 28, a candidate was swarmed by reporters who later told their peers that their broadcast stations were paid at least P30,000 for the coverage.

But the station managers maintained that their policy was meant to curb previous experiences where their reporters were on the take of some politicians.

A station manager said they are under tremendous pressure from their head offices to generate revenue. But, he added, they could not raise profits if some politicians would think that they could get in the news by paying reporters.

Fred Alejaga, Bombo Radyo Bacolod manager, said their station allows the reporting of election campaign issues but prohibits repeated discussion of the issues to ensure that politicians are not riding on them.

If reporters were allowed to report on just any political issue, he said it would deprive their station of revenue from fees for airtime.

Loreto Lapuos, ABS-CBN Bacolod manager, said news on candidates could be free of charge if they could show that they did not have enough funds.

The ABS-CBN, he added, offers special packages where a candidate can be presented several times from different angles in the news.

But he admitted that these packages that appear in the news are not identified as paid.

If a candidate accuses his rival on paid airtime, Lapuos said the other party is given a chance to answer the allegations but based on the station's prerogative.

Kabankalan Bishop Vicente Navarra said the media should give all politicians, including those who cannot afford to pay a fair chance to air their views:

"Everybody needs to be heard for the public to be able to come up with correct opinions on whom to vote for," he said.

The No Erap Movement in Bacolod also said the policy imposed by broadcast stations would give undue advantage to moneyed candidates.

It also runs counter to the spirit of the lifting of the political ad ban, which was aimed at leveling the playing field for political parties and candidates.

"If this is true then the media stations are prostituting the purpose of the law as well as the electoral reforms the Filipino people dream of. Justice and fairness will die," the No Erap Movement said.

Some sectors also raised the questions on why paid airtime for candidates are not identified as such.

Under the Fair Elections Act, both print and broadcast media carrying election propaganda for or against any candidate should identify campaign materials as "political advertisement paid for."

7 die as jeep falls into ravine

SAN FERNANDO CITY--Seven persons were killed and 28 others were hurt Saturday night when a jeepney bound for this city plunged into a ravine while negotiating a sharp curve in Burgos, La Union.

The victims, mostly children and teenagers, were residents of Tuguegarao City and belonged to one extended family. They were on a weekend tour of Banaue, Ifugao, Sagada, Mt. Province and Baguio City and were on their way to the Ilocos region via San Fernando City when the accident occurred, according to survivor Lisanda Javier.

The jeepney, owned and driven by Javier's uncle Ricarte Langcao, 50, of Bulanao in Tabuk, Kalinga, apparently lost its brakes on an accident-prone portion of Naguilian Road, according to initial reports from the Burgos police.

Police and fire-fighting units from Baguio City and neighboring La Union towns rescued the victims.

Confirmed dead on the spot were Florito Javier, a retired Commission on Audit employee, Romy de Leon, Lourdes de Leon, Alma Javier and Jeffrey Javier.

Margie Javier was declared dead on arrival at the Ilocos Training and Regional Medical Center here while Angelica Bagdalan died while being treated in the hospital's emergency room.

Lisanda, who survived with her two children, including the youngest passenger Jeremiah, 2, said her uncle's vehicle, a jeepney that was modified to accommodate up to 30 passengers, had been checked for roadworthiness before they left Cagayan.

Gia Damaso-Dumo, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

DENR probing Cerilles 'scams'

PAGADIAN CITY—The new administration has uncovered irregularities involving millions of pesos at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources under Estrada's DENR secretary, Antonio Cerilles.

Acting DENR Secretary Jose Mari Gerochi told the INQUIRER that among them were the transfer to Zamboanga del Sur, Cerilles' home province, of three cargo trucks used in illegal logging and illegal quarrying that were seized by the DENR in Central Luzon early last year.

Gerochi said the DENR filed cases against the owners of the trucks.

But he added Cerilles ordered last year that the vehicles be brought to Zamboanga del Sur.

"He should not have brought (the trucks) to Zamboanga del Sur because these are part of the evidence in the cases they filed against those involved in illegal logging and illegal quarry operations," Gerochi said.

Gerochi said they are investigating if the vehicles were issued to the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (Penro) and the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (Cenro) of Zamboanga del Sur.

He said reports reaching their office indicate that the trucks are being used in Cerilles' campaign.

Cerilles is staging a comeback as representative in the second congressional district.

Hernan de la Cruz, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Stone-thrower gets life

GUIGUINTO, Bulacan—For throwing a stone that killed a retired police general along the North Luzon Expressway here in 1998, a former college student was sentenced on Tuesday to life imprisonment. Billy Alejandro, 22, a former student of Baliuag Colleges, was found guilty by Judge Crisanto Concepcion of the Malolos regional trial court for the death of former Constabulary general Orlando Antonio of Isabela. Antonio was killed on July 20, 1998 when a stone the size of a man's head fell and hit his van just as it passed the Pritil overpass along the expressway. The stone smashed the van's windshield and crushed Antonio's head and body. *Carmela Reyes, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

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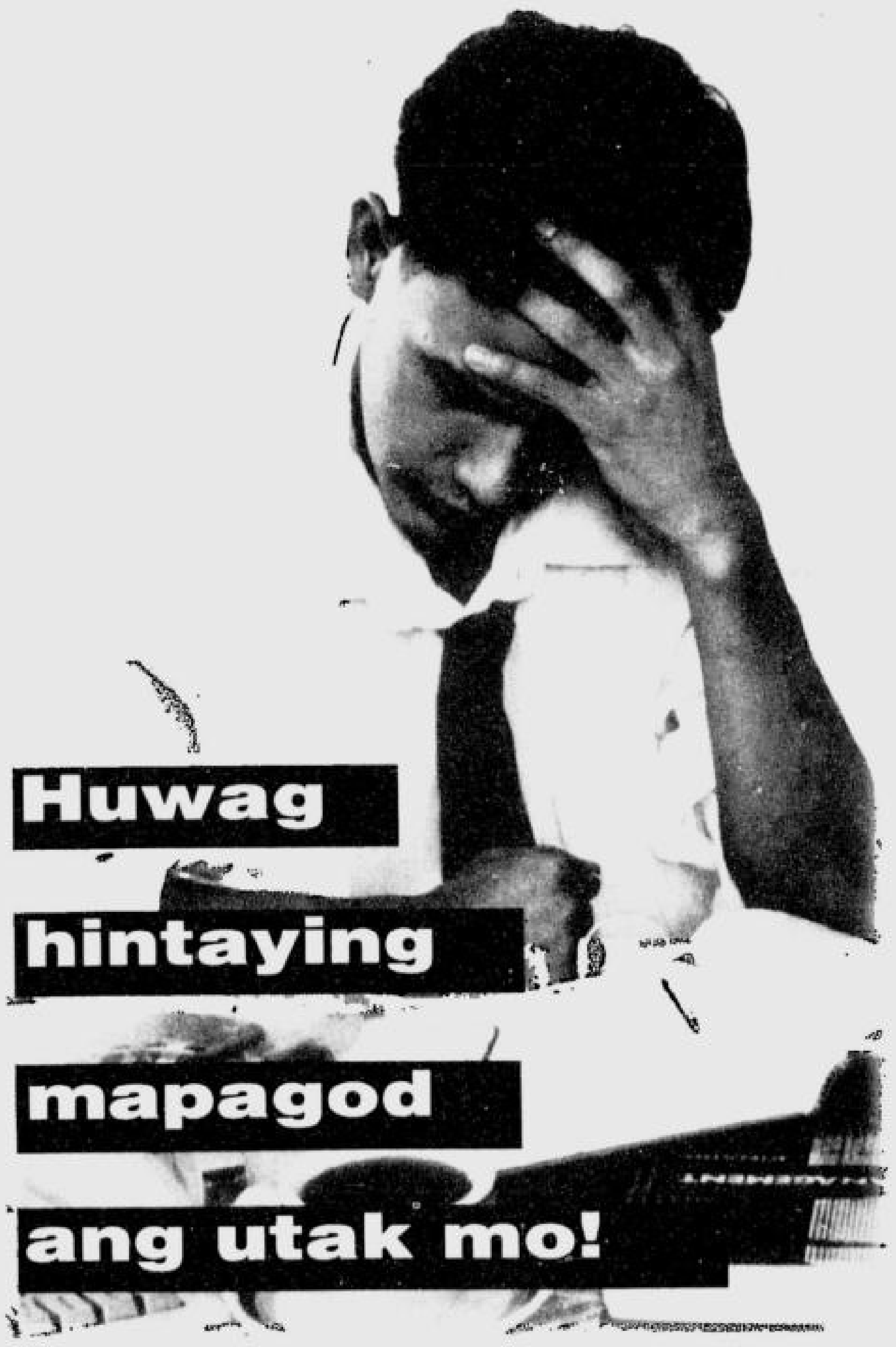

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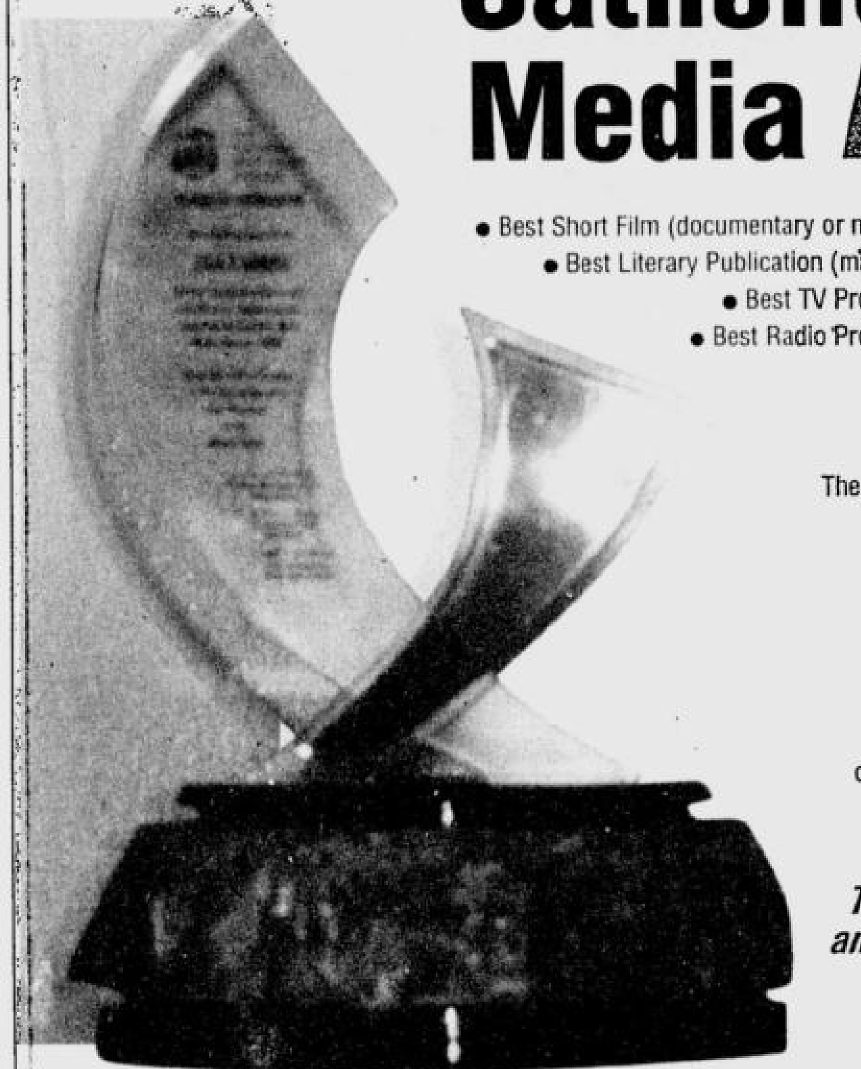

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SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—The Subic Bay Marine Exploratorium has opened its "Swim with the Whales" program to paying patrons despite the absence of an environmental clearance certificate (ECC) from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

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Erap escape plan foiled, AFP claims

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and ordered acting AFP Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Jose Calimlim to place the military on double alert anywhere Estrada goes.

Calimlim, in turn, alerted the Southern Command, which covers Mindanao, and the Western Command, which has jurisdiction over Palawan and surrounding waters, the source said.

The source declined to provide details on the chartered jet that was supposed to ferry the ousted president.

But at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, authorities are closely watching the flights of Subic International Air, which Estrada chartered to fly to Zamboanga del Norte and Cagayan de Oro last week.

Erap: What's an eye?

In Puerto Princesa, the deposed president told members of the Manila chapter of the Liga ng mga Barangay that he had decided to forego an operation on his left eye scheduled this month.

"*Kung mata lang, bale-wala sa akin. Buhay ko ibibigay ko para sa inyo, mata pa* (A mere eye means nothing to me. I will give up my life for you, so what is one eye)?" he said.

"Don't worry, I will never leave you," he added in Filipino.

Earlier, in Cagayan de Oro City, Estrada said of reports of his planned departure: "Those are all rumors. I have said time and again, I was born here, I live here and I will die here. I have no intention whatsoever of leaving the country."

At a press conference in Puerto Princesa, the matter was again raised, and again denied.

He reiterated that he was "saddened" by the "hasty" decision of the Supreme Court and planned to map out his next move today with his lawyers.

But "I never turn away from a problem. I never refuse a challenge," he said in Taglish.

'Get on with your life'

In Manila, National Security Adviser Roilo Golez appealed to Estrada and his supporters to accept the Supreme Court verdict, saying: "He should not be a fugitive. He's a man and therefore he should face the issues and cases confronting him now in the country."

Golez said the Estrada camp "should respect the decision and get on with their lives."

But Estrada's former executive secretary, Edgardo Angara, also branded claims that the former president might leave the country through a back door as "absolutely false."

He said his former boss would be back in Manila later Sunday after visiting Puerto Princesa.

NBI agents

Agents of the National Bureau of Investigation have been ordered to closely monitor exit points until Estrada has either filed a motion asking the Supreme Court to reconsider its 13-0 ruling, or is arrested, an agent at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport said.

Under the law, Estrada has 15 days to file such a motion.

"We'll be on alert until after he files a motion for reconsideration or is arrested. Until then, we can't relax," the agent said, noting that the order came from NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco.

Teams of agents have been deployed at the Naia and the Manila Domestic Airport since Saturday, a day after the high court released its decision upholding the legitimacy of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's presidency.

The agent said ports in the South were being monitored particularly closely while Estrada was there.

On Friday night, airport general manager Edgardo Manda raised a full alert twice at the Naia—before and after the release of the SC ruling.

Upon his orders, more personnel of the Aviation Security Group and Airport Police Department were posted at the two passenger terminals to prevent Estrada's departure.

Immigration, customs and quarantine service officials also raised alerts.

The Flight Operation Briefing Station (FOBS) at the airport was also instructed to monitor aircraft movement in the general aviation area, where the hangars of charter domestic airlines are located.

Unaware?

Airport officials had earlier voiced fears that Estrada's two flights to Zamboanga on Tuesday and Cagayan de Oro on Thursday were dry runs for his eventual escape from the country.

Last week, several military officers started questioning the apparent ease with which Estrada was able to fly to Mindanao. "Was intelligence unaware or are his movements not reported deliberately?" one officer asked.

Estrada's flight to Zamboanga reportedly alarmed Palace officials after a Subic Air pilot only informed the FOBS that Estrada was on board after the plane had taken off. The former president's name was not on the flight manifest earlier submitted by the airline.

Subic Air has been warned of severe sanctions by the ATO if it commits the same violation again. Businessman Jose "Pepito" Alvarez is president of the charter airline.

The INQUIRER reported yesterday that Justice Secretary Hernando Perez had warned charter companies that "if the former president uses their planes to escape, we'll impound their planes upon their return."

The government has also issued hold-departure orders against Estrada, Dr. Ejercito, and their son, San Juan Mayor Jinggoy Estrada, in connection with the cases filed against them. *With reports from AFP, Reuters*

Desierto told: File criminal raps now

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acted on the matter and quit dragging his feet," said Fr. Jose Dizon of Kairos, a Catholic charismatic group.

DESIERTO

"It is now clear that Estrada cannot claim any immunity from charges," he said.

A group of lawyers called on authorities to immediately order the arrest of Estrada because he was facing non-bailable offenses.

"Since multiple plunder is non-bailable, he could be immediately arrested and jailed. And that is what should be done to show our people and the peoples of the world that we mean business," said the chair of the Filipino Lawyers for Good Governance (Filgood).

But Filgood chair Ricardo Abcede said the "legal war is far from over."

Abcede said his group was supporting the proposal of the Coalition of Lawyers for Erap's Abrupt Resignation (Clear) to create three additional divisions at the Sandiganbayan to speed up the trial of Estrada.

But Arroyo expressed doubts if Estrada could go on campaigning after the Supreme Court decision.

"Once the case is filed against him, and that maybe filed anytime, then he will have to figure out if he can be bailed out or not. I think he has to take care of himself first before he thinks of his party," Arroyo said.

"That is why I think our opponents have lost any moral ascendancy, moral authority against us because imagine a leader charged with plunder. The choice of the people will be very clear," he said. *With reports from TJ Burgonio and Christian V. Esguerra*

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Erap snaps at anti-'trapo' run of priest

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"Palagay ko may topak yan (I think he has brain damage)," Estrada yesterday said of the activist priest.

Reyes will lead members of the clergy in a 7-kilometer run in Davao City early today to kick off a national campaign called "Run Against Trapo."

The drive also seeks political and social transformation.

"Mukhang nagkamali siya ng propesyon. Dapat maging politiko (siya), hindi pari (He should have been a politician and not a priest)," said Estrada, who was here to campaign for the senatorial candidates of the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino and the Puwersa ng Masa.

From the Davao International Airport, Reyes will proceed to the San Pedro Cathedral in Davao City, where he and other priests will celebrate a Mass.

Fr. Pete Lamata, co-convenor of the Solidarity for Political Transformation (Solid-Davao) and organizer of the run, said the activity was part of the Church's voters' education drive.

"We want to send a strong message to the electorate that it should be careful in choosing candidates in the coming elections," Lamata said.

He said the campaign would be targeted against candidates perceived as traditional politicians whom he described as "impediments to genuine political transformation."

The Church in Davao City is encouraging lay people and their organizations to name candidates perceived as "*trapos*" or those with records of corruption, according to Lamata.

Fr. Leonardo Dublan, a co-convenor of Solid Davao, said the Church would focus on political education.

Dublan said that through political education, his group would educate the people about the problems confronting the country's "elite-dominated" political system.

"This is a higher level of education. This way, we will be producing intelligent voters," he said.

He said his group would popularize at the grass-roots level the concept of "participative politics" as an alternative to "elite politics."

Dublan said the Church was preparing for the holding of "people's forums" in various political districts in the city to formulate a "people's agenda" that will be presented to local and congressional candidates.

Earlier, Archbishop Fernando Capalla announced Church plans to campaign against traditional politicians. .

Capalla said the network of the Church would be used to expose "*trapo*" candidates.

The gains of People Power II will be maintained by ensuring that the people would not commit the same mistake of voting traditional politicians or those tainted with corruption, he said.

'Uprising must be brought to Palace gates'

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returned from abroad.

A constant irritation among the various groups at Edsa was the handling of the 24-hour program. The first two days saw Barangay RJ handling the morning program, Bayan and the ERM (Estrada Resign Movement) in charge of the afternoon slot, and the Kangkong Brigade and Kompil II taking care of the evening program.

Prize catch

When complaints of bumping off, favoritism and the dominance of politicians in the program emerged, the coordinating group decided to form a committee composed of Bayan, Kompil II and the Kangkong Brigade to handle the program. The committee tried to strike a healthy balance between sectoral leaders and politicians in the program fare.

Next to the defection of the police and military, a major highlight was the defection of Estrada's colleagues in show business. The prize catch for the anti-Erap camp was Nora Aunor, who held a press conference in the morning of Jan. 19 at the Bayan office to demand Estrada's resignation. Her bombshell: Estrada used to beat her "black and blue."

At the Edsa rally, Nora asked that she be escorted by the Kilusang Mayo Uno's Crispin Beltran and Bayan's Rafael Mariano to avoid being identified with any of the traditional politicians.

Students

By lunchtime each day, students from various schools would start to arrive in numbers. So would members of the various labor unions, urban poor communities and other sectors. On Jan. 18, a nationwide student boycott was declared by the Estrada Resign Youth Movement, the College Editors Guild of the Philippines (CEGP), National Union of Students of the Philippines (NUSP), League of Filipino Students (LFS), Student Christian Movement of the Philippines (SCMP) and the AnakBayan.

Among the sizeable contingents were those from the University of the Philippines in Diliman and Manila, Ateneo, the University of Santo Tomas, Miriam College, St. Scholastica's College, the La Salle schools, St. Joseph's College, Maryhill School of Theology, St. Benedict's College, Fatima College and the Poveda.

The UP Los Baños contingent used more than 40 jeepneys and 15 buses to transport their demonstrators.

On Jan. 19, the Workers Against Estrada (WAGE), which includes the KMU, declared their own walkouts. On this day, too, contingents from Southern Tagalog, Bicol and Central Luzon started arriving at the Edsa Shrine. By the afternoon of Jan. 19, when the AFP and PNP leadership had withdrawn support for Estrada, crowd estimates were as high as 300,000.

MILITANT marchers are momentarily held back by policemen near Mendiola Bridge in this photo taken on Jan. 20.

EDWIN BACASMAS

By Jan. 20, things had to come to a head. They did, finally and dramatically, at Mendiola.

Plea to postpone

Although it was always Bayan's position that Estrada's ouster could only be ensured by massing a million people around Malacañang, it was actually the representatives from Kompil II who brought up the idea that it was time to march to the presidential palace, to which Bayan readily agreed.

This was approved by the coordinating group on the afternoon of Jan. 17 and promptly announced to the public by Kangkong Brigade spokesperson Gov. Joey Lina.

The next day, however, a plea was made by Jaime Cardinal Sin and former President Corazon Aquino to postpone the march indefinitely. We at the ground level were not given clear reasons for this, except that Cardinal Sin was worried about the marchers' safety, and wanted a much bigger crowd before proceeding to Mendiola.

A pretext was made that the postponement was requested by the regional contingents who wanted to join the march but could not make it by Jan. 19.

The indefinite postponement of the march created quite a stir among the groups at Edsa. While it was agreed that we still had to muster a bigger force, many objected to the unilateral decision-making process. More importantly, Bayan leaders knew the multitudes spontaneously gathered at the shrine could not be sustained indefinitely, and so the march or the final showdown had to happen by Monday, Jan. 22, at the latest.

We deemed it only natural that a few hours after the defection of the AFP and PNP top brass on Jan. 19, the plan to march to Mendiola was revived and reset for the next day.

The United Opposition was surprisingly assertive this time. They said they had already gotten the consent of Cardinal Sin and Aquino. They said they had a negotiating team dealing with Estrada. A deadline for Estrada's resignation was set the next day at 6 a.m.

Worried

Many of us were worried by the fact that the leaders of the United Opposition had arrogated it upon themselves to negotiate with Estrada.

The rest of the groups at Edsa were never informed of these negotiations. It was only much later, when we were already at Mendiola, that we learned they had agreed to give Estrada five more days to stay at Malacañang.

We prepared at once for the march. A countdown was started and the 6 a.m. deadline was hyped up. By late evening, the Edsa crowd was fully pumped up. The most popular chants were "Mendiola, Mendiola" and "*Sigaw ng bayan, arestuhin si Erap.*"

And then a curious thing happened.

Sometime past midnight, our Kompil II counterparts in the program committee began admonishing us for agitating the crowd. They told us to keep quiet about the Mendiola march because something had come up.

We were to discover later that Cardinal Sin, upon discovering the revived plan, had once again opposed it, as did Aquino and then Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Was this part of the negotiated "graceful exit" for Estrada?, we wondered.

Dilemma

This appeal by Sin, Aquino and Ms Macapagal created the largest dilemma for Kompil II, whose members were closely identified with the three leaders.

In a meeting in yet another condominium unit at the Ortigas Center, Nath Santiago of Bayan Muna and myself declared that the march was non-negotiable. It had to push through at 6 a.m.

Many Kompil II leaders agreed, but were visibly torn between what they felt was right and their loyalties to Sin, Cory or Ms Macapagal.

Finally, a solomonic solution: Leave it to the individual members to decide. The march to Mendiola would be treated as part of the continuing actions of People Power II, and those who chose to stay at the shrine would be asked to pray for the marchers.

Good enough.

The objective of the march was simple, and this was to bring the uprising to the very gates of Malacañang. We would show the nation and the world that Estrada had ceased to rule as president, and that he was being held hostage by his own people.

The march would hopefully be the start of a grander plan to force Estrada's resignation by encircling the Palace with a million people.

At the last minute, Msgr. Soc Villegas appealed to the crowd not to leave Edsa because Ms Macapagal would be sworn at the shrine at 12 noon. Curiously, a Sanlakas spokesperson appeared on national TV prodding the people to "preserve the gains of Edsa" by not joining the march. Still, a huge number of the people marched to Mendiola.

Final blueprint

We were confident that the march would be peaceful because, for one thing, the Armed Forces and the Philippine National Police were already neutralized.

In fact, the blueprint for the march was finalized by Nath, myself and PNP Generals Edgar Aglipay and Sonny Razon. Imagine that.

The only problem we had were the 100 or so pro-Estrada holdouts in Mendiola.

For me, the march from Edsa to Mendiola was the most memorable part of People Power II. Indeed, it was a shining moment for the Filipino people. I saw and felt our people's determination to fight for what was just and morally upright and true. People came out of their homes and flooded the streets, bringing with them water, food and lots of smiles and cheers. There was solidarity in the flesh, and it seemed for a moment that we could do anything.

As we were winding down our program at Mendiola, one thought that kept popping up in my head was "what if we didn't go ahead with the march?"

Estrada would have stayed on in Malacañang for at least five more days. In that span of time, who knows what he and his cohorts could have done?

Sad lesson

Edsa II reiterated the spirit of Edsa I: the people's right to change government through direct action, through uprising.

While People Power II did not overhaul Philippine society, it did provide our people with massive doses of political education and empowerment, exposing the extent to which the rot of corruption had infiltrated political office and highlighting the grievous inability of legal institutions to uphold the people's interests.

More importantly, for Bayan and the broad progressive movement, it corrected certain misconceptions which emerged after the first People Power uprising—like the oft-repeated line that the Left was absent on Edsa in 1986, or that the national democratic forces are a marginalized and insignificant force in Philippine politics.

But we in the alliance also learned another lesson, a sobering and sad one.

In 1986, critics of Bayan and the national democratic movement were quick to conclude that Bayan's boycott of the snap elections cost us the chance to have a share of political power under the Aquino regime.

Today, despite the Left's crucial role in People Power II and its tighter alliance with the victorious reactionary power blocs, we still find ourselves outside the corridors of power.

SC demolishes Erap's final try to claim immunity

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nal could take jurisdiction and make a ruling.

If it were considered a political issue, the court would have washed its hands of the case, making political reality the defining element in the transfer of power.

In this particular instance, the court took a different tack from its previous decision on the legal challenge staged by the followers of the late ousted dictator Ferdinand Marcos that Corazon Aquino's installation as President in the 1986 People Power Revolution was illegal and unconstitutional.

Angara diary

Ironically, the court cited the diary of former Executive Secretary Edgardo Angara, on Estrada's final days in power as the factual basis for its conclusion that Estrada had effectively resigned.

The court's 65-page decision not only cleared the air of the legal doubts challenging the constitutional legitimacy of the Macapagal presidency. The decision left no doubt about its legitimacy and constitutional basis.

It also delivered a devastating blow to Estrada's lingering hopes that he would regain the presidency, demolishing his last-ditch defense to claim immunity from criminal charges of corruption and plunder filed by the government with the Ombudsman.

Politically, the decision has a damaging, if not demoralizing, impact on the senatorial campaign of Estrada's loyalists and allies who are running on the ticket of the "Puwersa ng Masa" alignment.

The court not only ruled decisively on the issue of legitimacy. With a vote of 9-4, the court also ruled on the issue of immunity.

But the lifting of a 30-day suspension of the Ombudsman's preliminary investigation of the criminal charges against Estrada will have to wait after Estrada's lawyers file a motion for reconsideration.

The removal of this barrier expedites the prospects of the early jailing of Estrada once the Ombudsman files the cases with the Sandiganbayan. The crime of plunder is non-bailable.

Legitimacy issue

The court addressed the legitimacy issue squarely, and by doing so, it removed any legal ambiguity surrounding Macapagal's accession.

It knocked down Estrada's argument that he was unable to exercise the powers and duties of the presidential office due to the events that made him decide to abandon the seat of presidential power.

He anchored his argument on Section 11, Article VII of the Constitution: "Whenever the President transmits to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, and until he transmits to them a written declaration to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice President as acting President."

Estrada did send a memorandum, with the above declaration, to Speaker Arnulfo Fuentebella and to Senate President Aquilino Pimentel Jr. before his departure. Fuentebella received the memo on Jan. 20, before Ms Macapagal was sworn in, and Pimentel received it on Jan. 22.

But the court disregarded the inability argument, addressing squarely the issue of resignation, which is one of the modes defined by Section 8, Article VII of the Constitution, allowing succession by the Vice President.

In doing so, the court rested its decision on the interpretation of the provisions of Article VII, and avoided treading the tricky grounds of justifying the swearing in of Ms Macapagal on the doctrine "*salus populi est suprema lex*" (the welfare of the people is the supreme law), given the power vacuum and the explosive developments in the streets, hours before her oath-taking.

In its Jan. 22 resolution, the court resolved to confirm the authority given by the 13 members of the court to the Chief Justice on Jan. 20 to administer the oath of Ms Macapagal as "President," not as "acting President."

Its decision on Friday gave a lengthy discourse on its conclusion that Estrada had effectively resigned.

Totality test

The court adopted the "totality test" of circumstances surrounding Estrada's implicit resignation, and this test used Angara's diary, which was published exclusively by the INQUIRER on Feb. 4-6.

Some legal authorities may describe the decision as a daring act of judicial activism and statesmanship required by a crisis situation.

But it must have been galling to Estrada that the account of Angara, who headed the Palace team negotiating his transfer of power with Ms Macapagal's panel, served as the factual basis for the court's decision to legitimize her accession.

The decision cited actions indicating intentions of resignation based on generous references to Angara's diary.

The court said the diary provided the "authoritative window on the state of mind" of Estrada.'

It said the Angara diary revealed that in the morning of Jan. 19, Estrada's "loyal advisers were worried about the swelling crowd at Edsa, hence, they decided to create an ad hoc committee to handle it."

"Their worry would worsen," the court said. "At 1:20 p.m., petitioner pulled Secretary Angara into his small office at the Presidential Residence and explained '*Ed, seryoso na ito. Kumalas na si Angelo* (Reyes, the AFP chief of staff).' An hour later at 2:30 p.m., the petitioner decided to call for a snap presidential election and stressed he would not be a candidate.

"The proposal for a snap election for President in May where he would not be a candidate is *indicium* that the petitioner had intended to give up the presidency at the time."

When Estrada told Angara that General Reyes would guarantee a dignified exit and his stay in the Palace for another five days, "this is proof that petitioner had reconciled himself to the reality that he had to resign," the court said.

According to Angara's diary, Estrada had agreed to sign a statement of resignation during the negotiations with the Macapagal transition team led by Renato de Villa.

But events moved swiftly in the morning of Jan. 20, forcing Angara to scrap the resignation provision from a draft agreement that was awaiting the approval of the Macapagal panel.

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Silent Protest group honored at Edsa rites

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that would make tomorrow's headlines.

He was often the "unnamed source" of some columnist-friends.

Alcuaz said he gave then President Estrada "a one-year honeymoon"—which ended sometime after the so-called textbook scam—before slowly moving for his ouster "semi-publicly," by sowing intrigues against Estrada in coffee shop discussions without being directly quoted by reporters or opinion makers.

"People didn't take me seriously when I said something deliberately incredible about Erap (usually dealing about his penchant for women)," he said.

"But I was actually just breaking the ice so that the next guy who will tell a much tamer story about Erap (whether true or not) will be easily believed."

He admitted that his main difference with "Juetengate" whistleblower, Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson, is that the former's accusations against Estrada were "based on facts. Mine were hearsay."

Linggoy claimed that he was not at all part of the alleged "Three Ds" campaign against Estrada (destabilization, disinformation and disaffection) for he considered himself a "one-man demonizing team."

All these anti-Estrada sniping he did even one year ahead of the Silent Protest Movement. "If during the campaign I was the voice in the wilderness, one year before that I was the voice in the outer wilderness."

Erase campaign

Way back in December 1996, Linggoy helped form the "Bura" campaign to neutralize the Pirma movement of Albert and Carmen Pedrosa, chief proponents of Charter change that was suspected as then President Fidel Ramos' bid to remain in power.

Ironically, four years later, the Pedrosas "invited" Alcuaz to launch the Silent Protest Movement.

Sometime in 1997, Linggoy once prepared—but was not able to fully carry out—a "special operation" (read: counterpropaganda) for then Vice President Estrada, targeting one of his critics.

It was Estrada's handlers Reli German and Robert Aventajado who asked him to do that unfinished job, Alcuaz said.

What next

So what's next for the man under the new dispensation that had honored him with a citation now xeroxed as part of his resumé?

"I'm still here," he smiled. "And my philosophy remains the same: For bad men to succeed all it takes is for good people to do nothing."

Has President Macapagal-Arroyo thanked him enough?

"Well, whenever we meet in social functions, she would always give the 'above-average' greeting (compared to other guests). Back at the Edsa program, she said, 'We've never forgotten you, *ha*,'" said Alcuaz, 52.

"But what makes me feel bad is that those who were first to be appointed tried to (put a) *cordon sanitaire* (on) the new President," he said, referring to the "*bata-bata*" (patronage) system which, he said, had reared its ugly head anew, especially in the sub-Cabinet appointments.

Alcuaz has served alternately as organizer-broker, media coordinator and intelligence officer for the major political parties while they were still in the opposition, like those of Miriam Defensor-Santiago (People's Reform Party), Ramon Mitra (Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino), Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (Kampi), and Joseph Estrada when he was still Vice President.

But he stressed that he left those parties the moment they tasted power.

"I'm the quintessential political butterfly. But I join political parties when they are in the opposition, and more often than not I leave them when they get into power, (unlike) the other kind of *balimbings* (political turncoats) who switch parties just to go to the winner."

Perceived in the Silent Protest Movement as a staunch anti-Estrada advocate "crying in the wilderness" and fighting the good fight, but insiders in the political scene, including columnists, party propagandists and tacticians, know his record as a political operator as early as the pre-martial law years.

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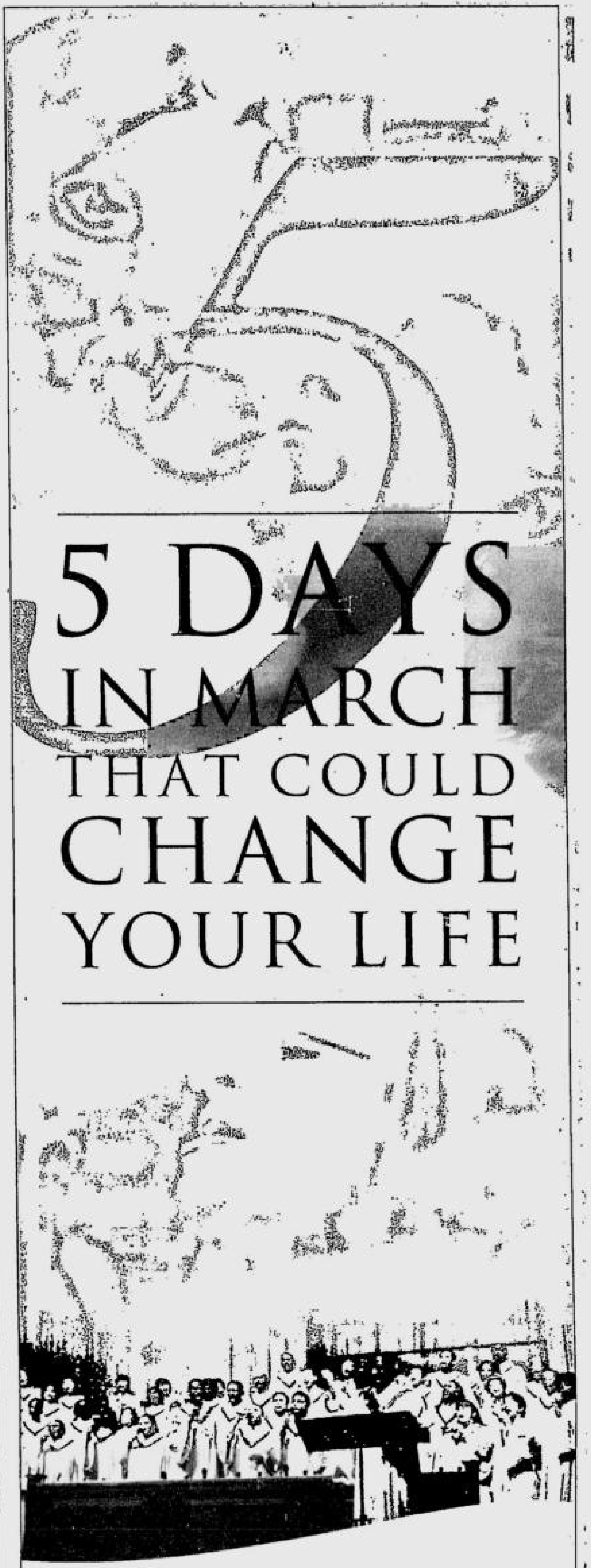
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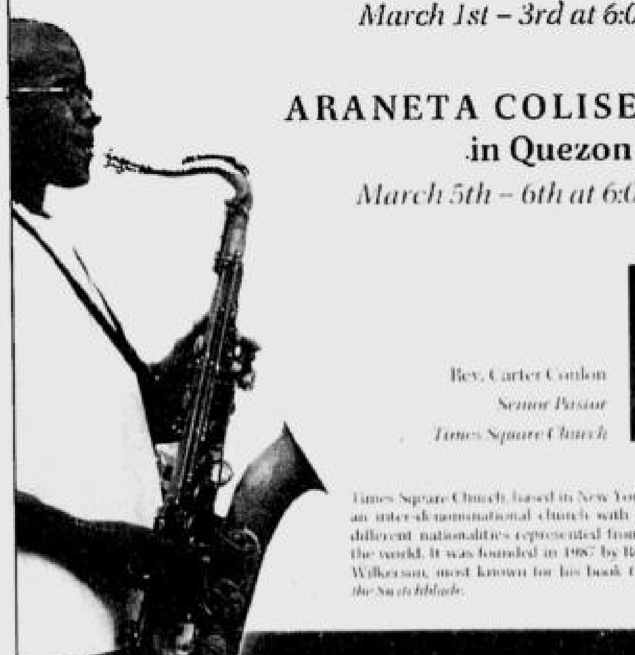

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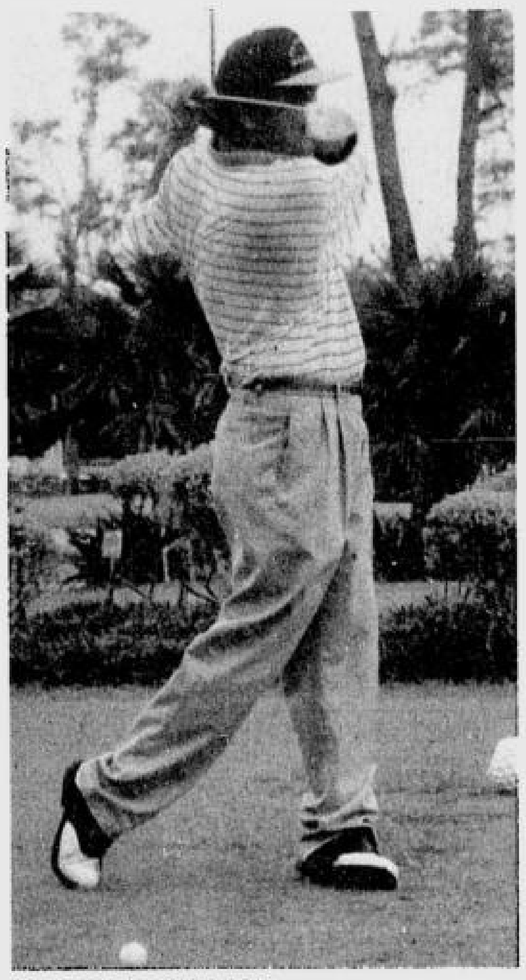

CLASS A CHAMP

Balty G. Baltazar of Heritage shows the form that enabled him to win the Seniors Flight A title in the recent 54th PAL Interclub golf tournament in Cebu City.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates—Thomas Bjorn deprived Tiger Woods of his first tournament win of the season on Sunday when the American, even with Bjorn going to the last hole, dropped his third shot into the water and finished with a double-bogey 7.

Bjorn parred the hole to finish with a 3-under 69—22-under 266—in the Dubai Desert Classic. Woods finished with an even par-72 for 20-under 268 and a second-place tie with Padraig Harrington.

Woods is now 0-6 this season, although this event gave him his first top-three finish in what some observers are calling a "slump."

Woods last won on the US Tour in September in the Canadian Open. However, since winning there he has won three times outside the continental United States in non-Tour events in Hawaii, Thailand and Argentina.

Woods, who led after every round and played all four days with Bjorn, earned about $2 million in appearance money. Bjorn got about $250,000 for the victory in this oil-rich state on the southeastern tip of the Arabian peninsula.

Woods lost the lead briefly around the 9th hole—and not to Bjorn.

Playing in the twosome in front of him, Padraig Harrington of Ireland birdied the hole to go 20-under. Woods following behind dropped a 12-footer (4 meter) to draw even.

Woods, who struggled with his putter and short game after two opening rounds of 64 and a 68 Saturday, birdied two of the next four holes to go 22-under as Harrington faded.

Bjorn, who had slipped to 18-under at the turn after trailing Woods by one, eagled the 10th with a 20-foot putt (7 meters) and birdied the 13th to reach 21-under.

Woods missed birdie chances on 14, 15 and 17. Bjorn finally cashed in on 17, dropping an 8-foot (2.5 meter) putt to draw even with Woods missing his birdie chance from 10 feet (3 meters).

Woods hit the ball into trouble off the 18th tee, going right and behind some small trees and brush. He chipped out across the fairway and then, hitting out of thick rough, tried to keep the ball from flying long, and, instead hit the water guarding the 547-yard hole.

Bjorn reached the back of the green in two and then took three putts to get down. *AP*

Weir ahead by 1

MIAMI—Mike Weir had the perfect start and perfect finish Saturday in the Genuity Championship, where palm trees swaying in the wind suddenly turned another scoring assault into a day of survival.

Weir knocked in a 12-meter (40-foot) eagle putt on the first hole using his 3-wood, and closed out a wild, windy round at Doral with an approach into 1.5 meters (5 feet) for birdie to give him a 3-under 69 and a one-stroke lead over Hal Sutton.

Weir, a two-time winner on the PGA Tour but never in America, was at 15-under 201 but doesn't have much of a cushion going into the last round. *AP*

13th Corporate Cup on tomorrow

BORACAY—The regular event of the 13th Corporate Cup golf tournament fires off at the picturesque Fairways and Bluewater Resort Golf and Country Club tomorrow (Tuesday) with another modest field seeing action.

The second half of a two-part Corporate Cup series will feature local and balikbayan teams vying for the top awards in Group I and Group II handicap classes.

Last week in the seniors division play of the Corporate Cup which is backed by College Assurance Plan, GP Barnes Group of Companies, Fil-Estate Group of Companies and Fairways & Bluewater as presentors, both divisions were swept by teams from the Philippine Asian Senior Golfers Association.

Other sponsors are san Miguel Beer, Premier Wine and spirits and Northwest Airlines together with the world specialist in foot and leg care, Scholl, as leg sponsor.

Businessman Gregory Barnes and Noel Cariño, chair of the host venue, will be leading the lineup of VIPs expected to lead their respective teams in the 36-hole competition.

Cecil Hechanova, chair of the organizing Corporate Cup Golf Foundhtion, Inc., said that the first out-of-Luzon trip of the event is intended to highlight some of the top golfing destinations in the country.

"This is really in response to numerous requests especially from balikbayan teams for us to go around as many top golf courses in the country as possible," said Hechanova.

Fairways and Bluewater, he said, had so impressed the seniors cast that they're asking for an encore.

Last year, the Corporate Cup went out of town for the first time with the 12th edition successfully held at the Camp John Hay Golf Club in Baguio.

Eagle Ridge member-guest meet on tap

GOB

AN OPEL Astra Wagon and so many other prizes worth past a million pesos will be up for grabs when the sprawling Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club holds its member-guest invitational on March 23-25.

Organizers yesterday announced that Andy Dye and Nick Faldo championship courses of the country's biggest golf complex in Gen. Trias, Cavite will be used for the inaugural edition of the Eagle Ridge Invitational.

The Opel car, meanwhile, will be the main raffle prize together with other attractive items like audio systems, computers, cameras and major appliances.

Open to all members and their chosen guests, the event will feature competitions in three handicap categories for men and a ladies division.

Entry fee is P6,000 per team inclusive of two raffle items, giveaways, tee-house snacks, breakfasts, golf cart use and awarding dinner. Deadline for registration is on March 20 with only 400 slots available on a first-come, first-served basis.

There will be shotgun starts for all three days of the tournament at 10:30 a.m.

Engineer Winnie Gob, who heads the executive committee, said the Invitational will launch the four major quarterly events of Eagle Ridge which has three 18-hole courses (Dye, Faldo and Aoki) and a fourth (Norman) set to be completed this year.

"The club will be abuzz with bit-time competitions the whole year and we intend to get going with a loud bang," said Gob.

Gob is joined by Marcos de Jesus of Alsons in the executive committee while the organizing committee is headed by Eagle Ridge general manager Eric Manaquil and Ging Trinidad.

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Glen leads motocross kickoff leg winners

GLEN Aguilar, Irwin Uypitching, Robert Mencias and Kenneth San Andres made their presence felt with impressive victories in their respective categories in the kickoff leg of the PLDT presents MAD (Mamamayan Ayaw sa Droga) National Motocross Super Series 2001 in Fort Bonifacio last Saturday.

Aguilar, who snatched the overall title with a dramatic, come-from-behind victory over Jovie Saulog last year, topped one of two races in the pro open category against a tough field, which included the country's top riders and a guest entry from Australia, Attila Szerda.

The win enabled Aguilar to take the headstart in this 12-part annual series with 37 points under the 20-17-15-13-11 scoring system used by the organizing Hartebeest Entertainment Corp.

Szerda, a 20-year old campaigner from Melbourne who finished sixth overall in the Australia Motocross Championships last year, provided the worthiest opposition to Aguilar with his superb riding skills in a borrowed 1998 model Yamaha 250.

The Australian rider, who competed under the banner of Access Plus, held his ground against his Filipino rivals and even dominated the first of two races in the pro open class against Aguilar Saulog and Ernie Leongson.

Uypitching swept the expert category, Mencias topped the power endure and San Andres dominated the mini class in this prestigious series also supported by Noris Yamaha, Dreambikes Superstore, Agua Vida, FBDC and Bench.

RP duathlete shines in HK

THE PHILIPPINES' Anna Marissa "Popo" Nagtalon topped the female age-grouper open division to lead the country' charge in the first-everr Asian Duathlon Championship in Plover Cove, Hong Kong recently.

The 26-year-old Nagtalon finished with a time of 1 hour, 43 minutes and 25 seconds in the run-bike-run event (age-grouper distance: 5km-30km-5km).

Placing second was Katherine Kaye Lopez of Quezon City with a time of 1:44:57. A total of 70 female duathletes participated in the age-group categories.

The RP Team, sponsored by Speedo, Ground Zero and the PSC, had respective finishes in the elite male category (distance: 10km-40km-5km).

Angeles City's Leian Cruz placed 6th overall (1:55:38), Laguna's Mark Candelaria was 8th (1:56:21) and New Jersey's Arland Macasieb was 12th (1:58:50).

Tom Carrasco, president of the Triathlon Association of the Philippines (TRAP) and executive board member of the Asian Triathlon Confederation (ASTC), took part in the event as the ASTC technical delegate

During the awarding ceremony of the pioneering event, Carrasco took part with Singapore's Lim Ngee Huat and Hong Kong Triathlon Association (HKTri) president Andrew Patrick. Carrasco expressed elation over the RP team's performance in the 200-strong field event.

Manila Triathlon Club (MTC) prexy Raul Cueva who campaigned in the shorter Age-Group competition, was instrumental in Nagtalon's and Lopez' victorious showings by serving as their pacer. National coach Jay Sales provided the team's strategy.

Miller Time

CLEAN LIVING

Manolo R. Iñigo

BECAUSE of the quality field and the high level competition, the PBA All-Filipino Cup is considered as the most prestigious and most widely-followed conference of the Philippine Basketball Association. It is also the most closely-fought series, if the present team standings is any indication.

Since it was launched last Jan. 28, the fans are still completely immersed in a guessing game, unsure of who will win the coveted title because there is not one dominant team among the 10 participating companies.

In the beginning, powerhouse San Miguel beer was supposed to be "unbeatable," but unexpected losses to lightly-regarded Mobiline and undermanned Batang Red Bull sent the Beermen crashing down to earth. Still, San Miguel is a force to reckon with.

At press time, SMB, sporting a 4-2 record going into its game against Pop Cola (3-3), is within striking distance of co-leaders Shell and Batang Red Bull (5-2). Shell and Batang Red Bull part ways on Friday, March 9, when they clash in the main match at 7:30 p.m. at the Philsports Arena after the Tanduay-Ginebra setto.

Last Saturday in Iloilo, coach Yeng Guiao's Red Bull Thunder gained a piece of the lead when they outclassed Alan Caidic's luckless Ginebra Kings, 79-72. It is worth noting that aside from the never-say-die Bal David of losing team Ginebra, the fans also stood in awe of Red Bull rookie and No. 1 pick Willie Miller who sparkled all night long with his dazzling speed and display of deadly shooting from inside and out. The 5-foot-11 Miller emerged "Best Player of the Game," finishing the out-of-town encounter with 20 big points, six rebounds and five assist.

A former Letran College standout, the 23-year-old Miller also played for Tanduay in the Philippine Basketball League and the Nueva Ecija Patriots in the Metropolitan Basketball Association. The son of a Filipina mother and an American father based in Olongapo, Miller was plucked from among 57-applicants in this year's PBA draft last Jan. 14 by coach Yeng Guiao, a decision wholeheartedly supported by Photokina management led by franchise owner George Chua. Miller was chosen to fill the gap left by marquee player Jimwell Torion who will miss action for several months following a surgery for a dislocated shoulder.

"I have high expectations for Miller," said Guiao, a former commissioner of the PBL and two-time PBA champion coach. "I'm sure he'll become one of the most dominant point guards in the league. Miller has proven himself a consistent scorer in the NCAA, the PBL and the MBA. He has the making of a future star."

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BOXING BOO-BOO. It is apparent that Filipino boxing gurus never learn from the mistakes of the past. One blatant example of incompetent handling of boxers happened on Friday to Malcolm Tuñacao, who lost a heartbreaking first round knockout to unheralded Thai challenger Pongsaklek Wongjangkam in Pichit, Thailand. Tuñacao's manager, Rex Wakee Salud, should be blamed for the humiliating defeat because he lacked the guts to impose discipline on his boxer, who came to Thailand several pounds overweight. And for this, the fans are justifiably upset.

Making his second defense of his World Boxing Council flyweight title, Tuñacao had to shed excess pounds before the fight and the debilitating effect of severe weight reduction clearly led to his downfall. It was also the same case with Manny Pacquiao, who lost his WBC championship in Thailand after he skipped full meals, taking nothing, not even water because he was overweight.

The lessons are clear: Boxing managers should at all times keep an eye on their boxers' ideal weight before a scheduled fight to avoid the sad fate which befell Tuñacao and Pacquiao.

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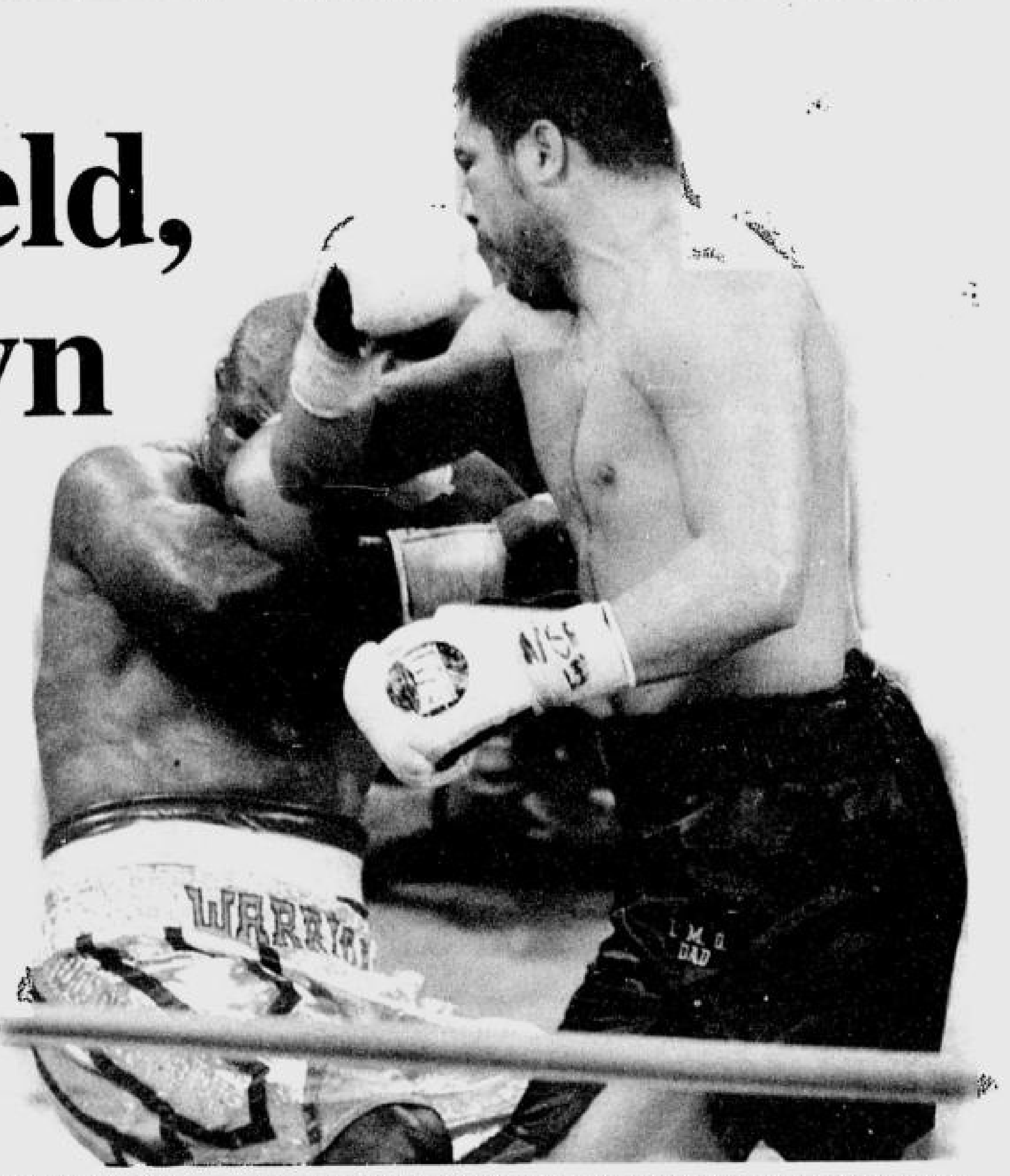
1ST HISPANIC CHAMP

Ruiz stuns Holyfield, wrests WBA crown



HOLYFIELD falls upon being hit by Ruiz (right) in the 11th round of their WBA heavyweight championship fight. Ruiz won by unanimous decision. REUTERS

LAS VEGAS, Nevada—Johnny Ruiz became the first Hispanic heavyweight champion in boxing history, dethroning Evander Holyfield by unanimous decision here Saturday to win the World Boxing Association title.

Holyfield was knocked down for only the fifth time in his career by a solid right to the temple from Ruiz just 30 seconds into the 11th round, the deciding blow in the All-American matchup.

"I didn't see the shot," Holyfield said. "Of course I'm surprised. But if you don't get these guys out of there, these things happen."

Judges gave Ruiz the victory by scores of 116-110, 115-111 and 114-111. The 29-year-old American born to Puerto Rican parents improved to 37-4 in the rematch of a controversial fight Holyfield won by unanimous decision.

"I was coming for what belongs to me and I was coming home with it," Ruiz said. "I just wanted to be on him. I wanted to prove to the world I had the punch. I died up here last time. Not this time.

"First Latino — it's a great feeling. I love it. The greatest."

It might be the end for Holyfield, who fell to 37-5 with one drawn with his fourth defeat in a title fight. But the 38-year-old "Warrior" refused to say goodbye and pushed for a third fight with Ruiz.

"Ain't no tears in my eyes," Holyfield said. "People can say what they like. I still want to be the world heavyweight champion. I just have to get back in line.

"I will just go back to training camp and work a little more. I would like to fight him again. We will have to see what happens."

Ruiz was ready for a third encounter with Holyfield, saying, "He gave me a rematch. If he wants to fight again, we're going to do it. Now there's one thing only — show me the money."

The biggest money foes for Ruiz's first title defense would be former champion Mike Tyson and Britain's Lennox Lewis.

But a third fight with Holyfield in June at Beijing is promoter Don King's more likely path as he backs both men.

"Maybe they should have a rematch," King said. "John is going to China, Beijing baby."

Lewis, the World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation champion, dropped the WBA crown last April rather than face Ruiz, whom he dubbed "Johnny Louise" and insulted as an inadequate rival.

Lewis, who fights American Hasim Rahman in South Africa next month, won his last defense by unanimous decision over Samoan David Tua, who stopped Ruiz in 19 seconds earlier in their careers.

Tyson said he wanted to fight the Holyfield-Ruiz winner, but only if King had nothing to do with the bout. Tyson is suing King over monies taken from fight contracts when the two worked together.

Asked if he would step aside to ease the way to a Tyson-Ruiz title fight, King laughed and said, "Are you crazy? Are you insane? I have no interest in resolving it with Mr. Tyson. If he thinks he's going to fight John Ruiz without me, hasta la vista, baby.

"We're not going to worry too much about Mike. We're going to Beijing. He will be the first boxing champion to fight in Beijing."

The fight's turning point came when Ruiz dumped Holyfield on his rear in round 11 and the stunned champion struggled to stay on his feet for 2:30.

Holyfield evaded, clutched and grabbed Ruiz, taking punch after punch and wrapping his arms around Ruiz in desperation until he had escaped with the bell sounding to end the round. *AFP*

Wilt's 100-point game

NBA NOTES

Henry Liao

LAST March 2 was the 39th anniversary of Wilt Chamberlain's historic 100-point game in the NBA.

Many are of the opinion that the late Chamberlain's feat will never be duplicated, much less eclipsed, for several reasons.

The NBA has drastically changed over the years.

Scoring and field goal percentages have slipped to all-time record lows this season. Teams are taking less and less field attempts per game while stretching the 24-second shot clock on both ends of the floor.

Moreover, sophisticated defensive strategies are being employed by the teams, weak or strong. There's the so-called team defense wherein teammates help each other out in a complicated network of traps, presses and even zones.

It has therefore become more difficult for an offensive player to score at will, and offenses generally become more deliberate, cutting down on the average scores per game.

If there's team defense, there's also a thing called balance offense which has taken over most NBA clubs' philosophies. There's better distribution of the offensive load now, a ploy designed to prevent teams from keying their defenses, and less emphasis on individual stars, even if players may be more talented now as a whole.

Of course, travel in the NBA has become a more significant factor than ever. Expansion through the years ensured that. Players are therefore more apt to play at less than maximum efficiency, or are in less than top physical shape night in and night out.

But probably the most glaring reason why Chamberlain's 100-point feat will never be duplicated is the fact that no player today has the brute strength of Chamberlain.

The LA Lakers' Shaquille O'Neal is closes to Wilt in terms of physical force but the 7-1 reigning NBA MVP's biggest scoring performance had only been a 61-point effort against the clumsy LA Clippers on his 28th birthday a year ago on March 6.

In 39 years and more than 36,000 NBA games since Chamberlain tossed in his historic 100 points, no one player has come close to equalling it.

The closest anybody has come to reaching the mark was Wilt himself. He had 73 markers for the San Francisco Warriors in a 127-111 success at New York on Nov. 16, 1962. In that game, Wilt connected on 29 of 43 field tries and made 15 free throws.

Denver guard David Thompson duplicated the 73-point mark during a 139-137 road setback to Detroit. The highest point total by a backcourt-man in NBA history, Thompson's output is the second most-ever scored by an individual in a non-overtime contest.

There have been only three other 70-point feats in the league since Chamberlain's 100-pointer, and Wilt also had two of them.

Chamberlain collected 72 markers in the San Francisco Warriors' 127-115 road loss to the LA Lakers on Nov. 3, 1962. He also got 70 in the Warriors' 163-148 defeat to the host Syracuse Nationals on March 10, 1963.

The most recent 70-point game was recorded by San Antonio center David Robinson, who drilled in 71 points (26-41 FG, 18-25 FT, one three-pointer) during a 112-97 road shellacking of the Clippers on April 24, 1994.

Michael Jordan? His single-game, regular-season high was 69 points, set in Chicago's 117-113 overtime victory over host Cleveland on March 28, 1990.

Marshal's death mars Schumacher win

MELBOURNE, Australia - World champion Michael Schumacher led from start to finish Sunday to win an Australian Grand Prix marred by the death of a track marshal and injuries to seven spectators during a fifth-lap crash.

Schumacher continued the Ferrari dominance established last year by holding off the second-place McLaren of David Coulthard by 1.7 seconds in the opening race of the Formula One season.

The marshal, from Queensland state, was killed during a crash between Jacques Villeneuve and Ralf Schumacher. Last September at the Italian Grand Prix at Monza, 33-year-old Paolo Ghislimberti, a volunteer track official, was killed when hit by flying debris after a five-car crash at the race.

It was the second death at a major race in two weeks. American Nascar legend Dale Earnhardt was killed in a final-lap crash at the Daytona 500 on Feb. 18.

A somber Schumacher announced the death of the marshal, identified only as a man in his 50s, at his post-race news conference. Initial reports said the marshal was severely injured when hit by one of the tires that flew off Villeneuve's car, and died later in hospital.

Race official Peter Hansen said seven other people suffered minor injuries and were treated at a first aid post and discharged. Hansen said the marshal's daughter was at the track.

"Unfortunately we have just been told of the marshal's death," said Michael Schumacher. "We are all shocked about this. We need to look from our side to see what kind of support we can give but certainly everybody is very much down."

Schumacher's winning time was 1 hour, 38 minutes, 26.533 seconds, an average speed of 187.464 kph (115.718 mph).Michael Schumacher got a good start on the 5.3-kilometer (3.29-mile) Albert Park temporary road course and held a 1.33-second lead over McLaren rival Mika Hakkinen after two laps.

But Hakkinen, the 1998 winner, went out of the race on lap 26 of the 59-lap race when his McLaren spun out of control after an apparent mechanical failure and hit the wall. Hakkinen was checked for a concussion but was cleared of any other injuries.

With Hakkinen gone, Schumacher's lead increased to more than 10 seconds over Ferrari teammate Rubens Barrichello in second place.

Coulthard passed Barrichello on lap 33, but by that point, Schumacher had increased his lead to more than 15 seconds. He relinquished the lead briefly when he pitted on lap 37 ahead of Coulthard and after both had made pit stops Schumacher held an eight-second lead.

Coulthard chipped away at Schumacher's lead late in the race but the German held on for his second consecutive win in Australia. Barrichello was third and Villeneuve's teammate Olivier Panis was fourth. *AP*

8th seed ousts Seles

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona—Lindsay Davenport has been this far before. This time, she's looking to finish a State Farm Women's Tennis Classic.

The top-seeded Davenport, disappointed last year when rain washed out her match with Martina Hingis for the Scottsdale championship, reached the final again with a 6-4, 6-7 (2), 6-1 victory over No. 3 Jennifer Capriati on Saturday night.

An earlier semifinal between No. 2 Monica Seles and No. 8 Meghann Shaughnessy also had a tiebreaker, but Seles couldn't avoid the upset. Shaughnessy pulled off a 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2 victory for the right to play Davenport in the final.

Davenport got the fast start she was looking for. In her first two matches, she trailed at least three games in the first set.

Against Capriati, who beat her and Hingis to win this year's Australian Open, Davenport broke service in the first and seventh games, taking a 4-3 lead after the second break.

Shaughnessy snapped Seles' six-match winning streak and denied the world's No. 4 player a chance at back-to-back titles. Seles won her 48th Sanex WTA Tour title last week in Oklahoma City.

The semifinal was the fifth of Shaughnessy's career, but the first in a Tier II event.

She double-faulted twice in the 2-hour, 22-minute match—to eight times for Seles—committed one fewer unforced error (43) and won on 64 percent of her second serves.

Meanwhile, Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain won the $1 million Dubai Open on Saturday when a back injury forced top-seeded Marat Safin of Russia to retire in the second set.

Ferrero was leading 6-2, 3-1 when Safin, who injured his back in Friday's semifinal victory over Thomas Johansson of Sweden, retired.

In San Jose, California, hard-serving Greg Rusedski advanced to the finals of the $400,000 Sybase Open with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over feisty qualifier Xavier Malisse on Saturday. *AP*

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Olympians head 10K Baguio City footrace

OLYMPIANS Eduardo Buenavista and Roy Vence, internationalists Allan Ballester, Daud Mama and Crisanto Canillo are expected to heat up the cool Baguio weather when the first leg of the Adidas Pharmaton 10K Run blasts off on April 8 at the Burnham Park.

Race director Raffy Uytiepo yesterday said the race has been designated anew as the opening salvo of the Summer in Baguio 2001 Festival.

Attractive cash prizes, trophies, medals, singlets, shoes, squeeze bottles and Pharmaton capsules will be up for grabs.

The race is being co-sponsored by Gatorade Thirst Quencher, Mountain King, Vacation Hotel, and backed by Red Cross Baguio Chapter, Baguio City Emergency Coordinating Group, RFM, Baguio City National High School and the City of Baguio.

Pharmaton's Rudy Ikalina said the new partnership with Adidas is a boost to the running circuit, which will also have stops in Cebu and Bacolod, an observation shared by Adidas sales and marketing director Sonny Nebres.

The women's field is equally explosive with Cristabel Martes, Hazel Madamba, Jona Atienza, Juvy Madredia and Flordeliza Cachero seeing action. A 3K fun run for drugstore employees will also be staged.

Registration is now going on at Casa Ilongga Robinson's Place Ermita (Tel. No. 546-8051). Boehringer Ingelheim 23/f Citibank Center, Makati (Tel. No. 867-0800) and at Baguio Information Center, People's Park, Baguio City.

ESS to air Premier football

ESPN STAR Sports (ESS), Asia's leading sports broadcaster, has acquired the exclusive terrestrial and cable and satellite television broadcast rights of the English Premier League for the next three seasons beginning August 2001.

Announcing the acquisition of all television rights in Asia to the world's most popular football league, ESS managing director Rik Dovey said that the network will also expand its current coverage with an extra match a week to a total of 165 games per season. In addition, it will introduce daily support programming on air too.

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San Mig bounces back

Beermen outgun Pop Cola Panthers, 78-63

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7:30 p.m. SMB vs Purefoods

By Marc Anthony Reyes

DANNY Ildefonso survived an unusually error-prone game as San Miguel Beer snapped a two-game losing run with a 78-63 win over Pop Cola last night in the PBA All Filipino Cup at Philsports.

Ildefonso committed 11 turnovers but made up for it by coming up with 14 points, most of them midway through the fourth where the Beermen pulled away.

Pop Cola even led by four late in the third (44-40) but it suddenly turned cold amid San Miguel's tough stand that gave it a share of the leadership.

In scoring their fifth game in seven games, the Beermen tied Batang Red Bull and Shell Velocity.

"I guess we kind of brought back the fire lacking in us the past two games," said SMB coach Jong Uichico. "We entered the game thinking we could slide down the standings if we don't put our acts together."

SMB, smarting over a back-to-back loss prior to the game, flustered Pop Cola with a defense not even the Panthers' first-rate scorers could solve.

Their concern was very evident when the Beermen took command early on only to waver in the third against the strong showing of Panthers' second unit.

However, Pop Cola's Nelson Asaytono and Johnny Abarrientos were not into the game, failing to sustain what the likes of Estong Ballesteros put up.

Instead, Asaytono allowed Ildefonso to redeem himself from his numerous turnovers by playing extra soft of the 2000 MVP.

Ildefonso successively made an undergoal shot and a slam dunk in the final 7:46 as San Miguel posted its biggest lead (63-58) en route to handing the Panthers their fourth loss in seven games.

Danny Seigle topscored for SMB with 18 points on top of making seven rebounds and two assists that made it difficult for the Panthers to make a breakthrough defensive stop.

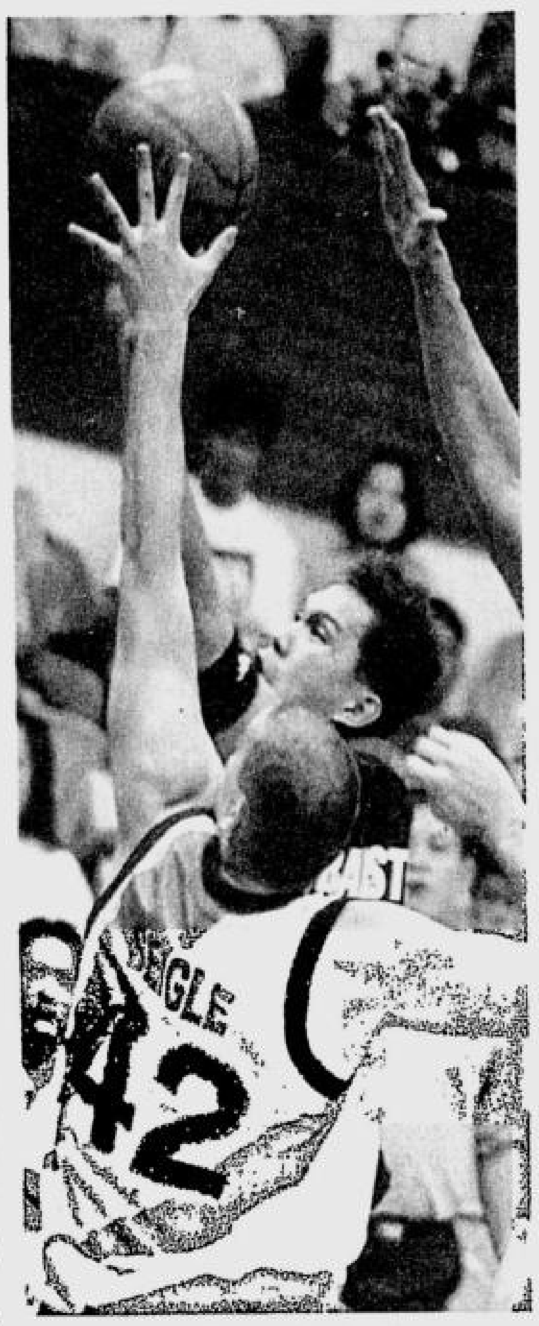
Noli Locsin scored six straight points, while Dondon Hontiveros nailed a three-pointer late in the second overtime as Tanduay Gold beat Sta Lucia Realty, 88-85, in the second game. The Rhummasters climbed to 3-5, while giving the Realtors their fifth loss in seven games.

Scores:

SAN MIGUEL 78—Seigle 18, Belasco 15, Ildefonso 14, Victona 8, Racela 8, Abuda 8, Lago 5, Gamboa 2, Mente 0, Duat 0.

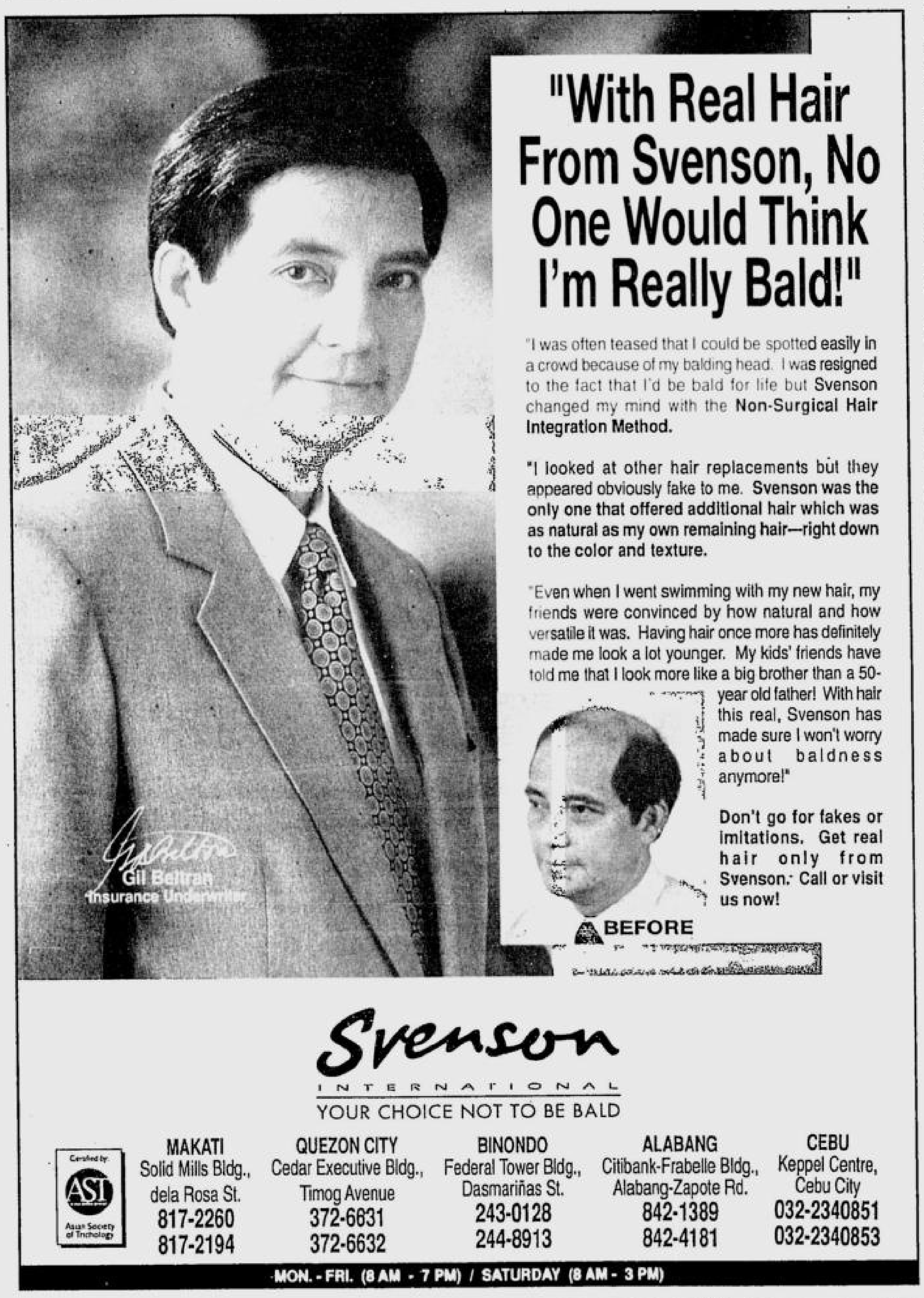
POP COLA 63—Hatfield 15, Antonio 14, Ballesteros 10, Juinio 10, Jarencio 5, Abarrientos 3, Morano 2, Asaytono 2, Bolado 2, Jose 0.

Quarter scores: 21-13, 32-32, 51-46, 78-63



SEIGLE (42) foils a driving Ballesteros.

DENNIS SABANGAN



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Lakers whip Grizzlies in front of sellout crowd

VANCOUVER, British Columbia—Shaquille O'Neal scored 34 points and grabbed 13 rebounds Saturday as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Grizzlies 98-88 before 19,193 fans, the first sellout of the season in Vancouver.

O'Neal was 13-for-19 from the field and 8-of-12 from the line as the Lakers made it four straight over the Grizzlies this season, including a controversial 113-112 victory in Los Angeles when O'Neal rebounded a miss and scored at the buzzer on Jan. 15.

In his second game since returning from a sprained right ankle, Kobe Bryant had 20 points while Horace Grant finished with 15 points and 15 rebounds.

Bucks 126, Bulls 122, 2 OT

In Milwaukee, Sam Cassell scored a career-high 40 points, including a 3-pointer to send the game into a second overtime, as Milwaukee edged Chicago.

Glenn Robinson added 31 points and Ray Allen had 27 for the Bucks, who snapped a two-game losing streak.

Mavericks 100, Rockets 95

In Dallas, Michael Finley scored 27 points and Dirk Nowitzki had 26 points and 13 rebounds as Dallas beat Houston for only the third time in the last 19 meetings.

Finley's two free throws with 11.6 seconds left gave Dallas a 98-93 lead, icing Dallas' third straight victory and sixth in eight games.

Spurs 124, Hawks 95

In San Antonio, Tim Duncan scored 26 points and David Robinson had 16 points and 15 rebounds to lead San Antonio.

The Spurs set season highs for points in a game and points in half, scoring 66 points in the second half.

The Spurs pulled away with a steady 21-7 advantage in the first seven minutes of the third quarter, increasing their lead to 79-59. During the third quarter, the Spurs held Atlanta to 32 percent (6-of-19) shooting while point guards Antonio Daniels and Avery Johnson scored seven and six points, respectively.

Complete results—LA Lakers 98, Vancouver 88; Dallas 100, Houston 95; San Antonio 124, Atlanta 95; Phoenix 97, Denver 82; Milwaukee 126, Chicago 122, OT; Portland 122, Golden State 91. *AP*

NZ skipper sets fastest time

MARSEILLE, France—New Zealand skipper Grant Dalton set the fastest ever time for a round-the-world yacht journey Saturday as he crossed the finish line of the Millennium Race.

Several thousand people gathered in this southern French port to greet Dalton's "Club Med" giant catamaran as it finished the grueling nonstop event after 62 days, 6 hours and 56 minutes at sea. Dalton and his 12-man crew arrived shortly before 2000 GMT Saturday.

They were first to finish the 49,000-kilometer (31,000-mile) race that set out from Barcelona on New Year's Eve and ended in Marseille. *AP*

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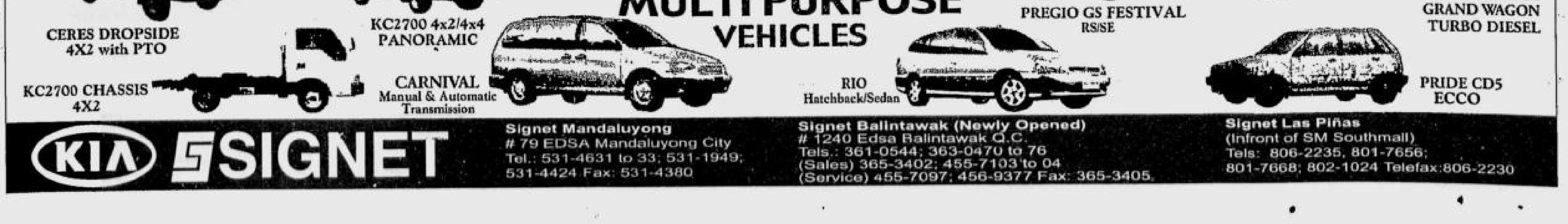
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Valenzuela inferno kills 8

By CHRISTIAN V. ESGUERRA

NOT even the house pet—a dog—was spared in a fire yesterday morning that killed eight people, one of them a three-year-old girl, and razed their two-story house in Valenzuela City.

A basketball game saved Zaldy Gibelagen, 14, son of the owner of the house, Gloria Gibelagen, at 57 C. Molina St., Bartolome Subdivision, Barangay Viente Reales. The house went up in smoke about 7:30 a.m. yesterday, said fire investigator FO1 William Despuig.

Fire authorities identified the victims as sisters Michelle, 18, and Rochelle Gibelagen,16; Danny Cubacob, 25; his live-in partner Alma Karen Mendez, 18; their daughter Roma Mendez, 3; Alma's mother Julieta, 35; and another live-in couple, Ryan, 25, and Michelle, 24, whose last names are still not known.

When the fire was finally put out at 9:05 a.m., their charred bodies were found scattered on the blackened wooden floor of the second floor.

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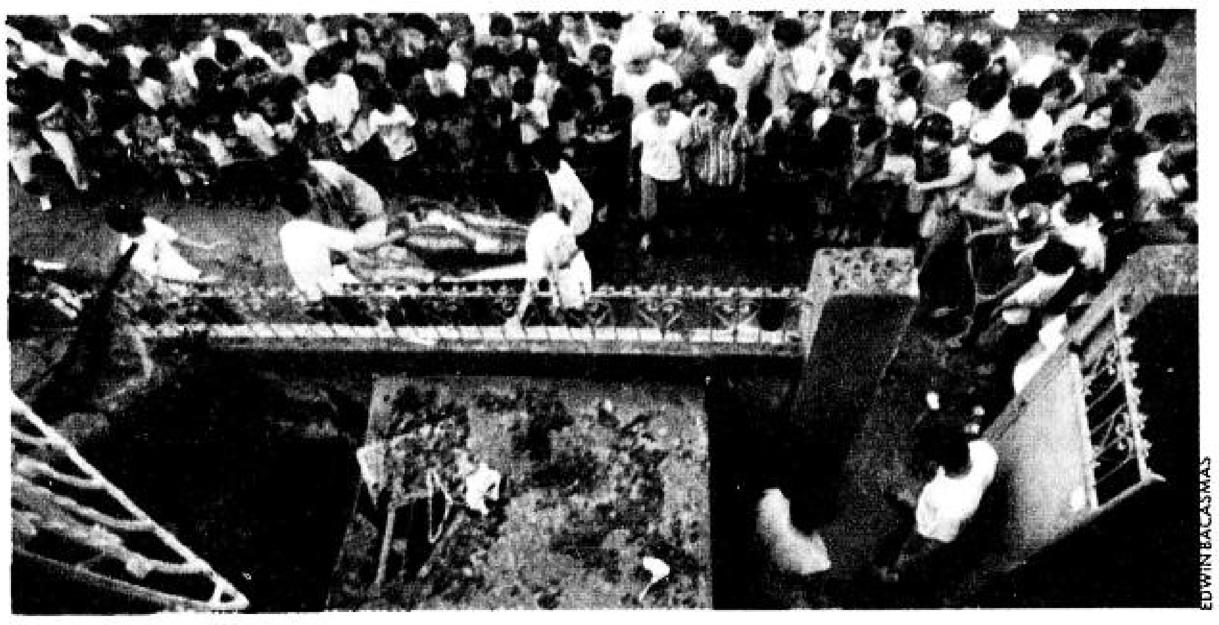

NEIGHBORS watch as workers bring out the dead who were all found on the second floor of the house.

EDWIN BACASMAS

Cop shoots amok, but hits fellow cop, too

A POLICEMAN shot dead a man who ran amuck in Tondo, Manila on Friday, but in the process also accidentally shot a fellow officer.

PO2 Antonio Cruz Jr. took a stray bullet on the right leg when PO1 Benjamin Medina Jr. fired at Aguido Sqriago, 46, in the latter's house on Clemente Street in Gagalangin, Tondo, investigators said.

COP SHOOTS/A26

Another Ateneo student kills self

By PHILIP C. TUBEZA

ANOTHER Ateneo student, a young woman this time, committed suicide on Saturday in Quezon City, about a month after a high school boy from the same Jesuit school shot himself in the head.

Shiela de la Cruz, 19, of Matino Street, Teacher's Village, Quezon City, shot herself in the back of her car, said investigator SPO1 Robert D. Cajiles, of the Anonas police station.

Police learned of the suicide only after the parents of De la Cruz brought her to the Philippine Heart Center where she died after six hours of surgery.

A hospital guard called up police to report the suicide.

Cajiles said he and another investigator went to De la Cruz's house to interview the people who lived with her. But he said no one answered their calls.

But the young woman's father, fishpond owner Allan de la Cruz, later told police his daughter had indeed taken her own life. He asked police to respect the family's privacy and assured them he would cooperate in their investigation after the period of mourning.

On Feb. 3, Ateneo high school student Christian Duke Pizarro shot himself in the head after escorting a girl friend to her prom.

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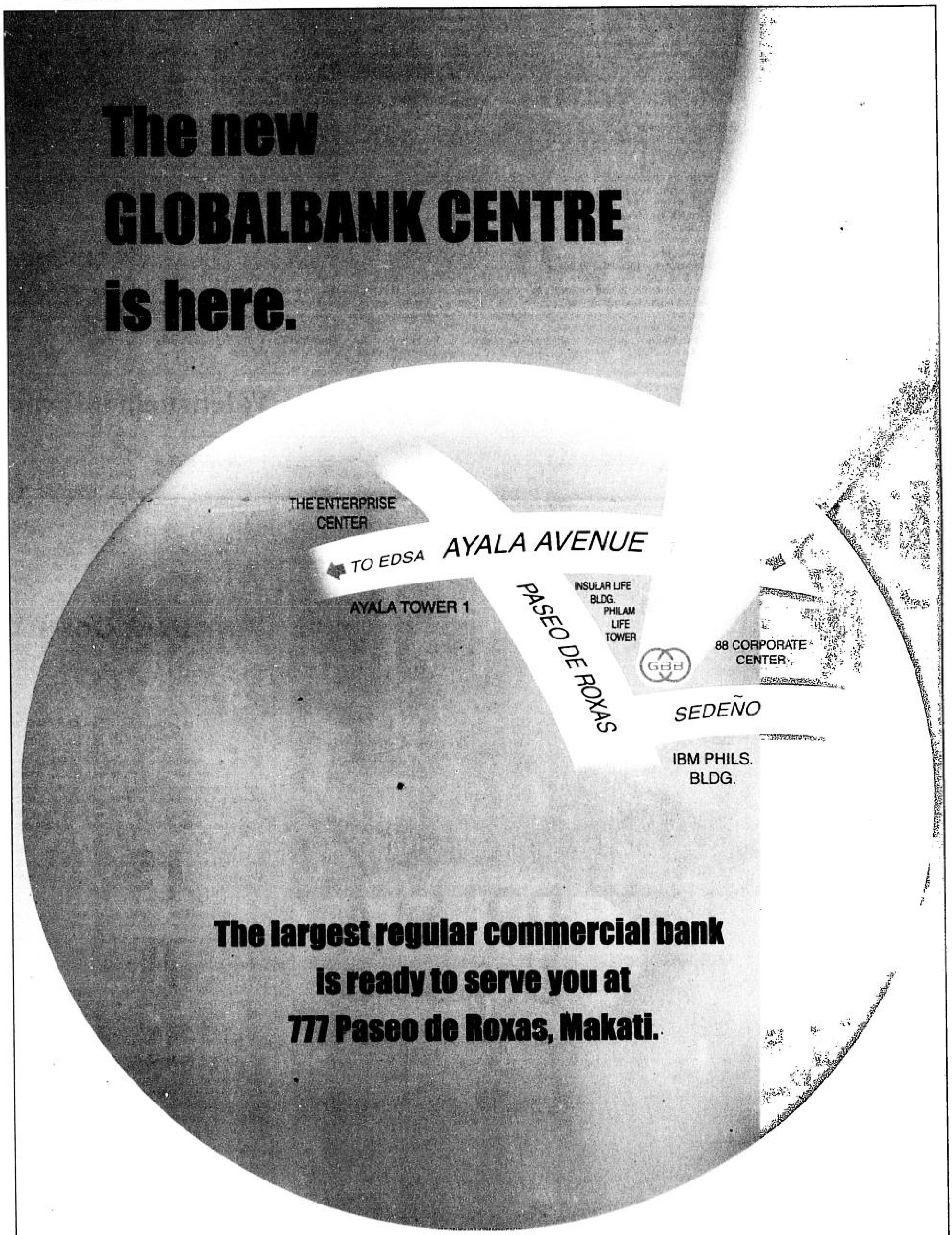

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Truck kills man on Edsa

A MAN died in the middle of Epifanio de los Santos Avenue (Edsa) in Quezon City after a truck ran over him while he was crossing the busy road Saturday night.

George Coquilla, 30, of 551 Edsa, Quezon City, did not make it alive to the hospital after the Isuzu Elf truck driven by Rolando Almario, 32, of Marulas, Valenzuela, struck him at 8:45 p.m. Saturday, said SPO1 Rogelio Manuel of the Central police District's Traffic Sector III.

Manuel said Coquilla was crossing Edsa near Main Avenue when the accident happened.

Almario was on Edsa's southbound lane going toward Makati. He was driving fast since he had just emerged from the Cubao underpass, Manuel added.

Coquilla tried to cross even as fast vehicles zoomed from his left and his right. There is no pedestrian overpass in that part of Edsa.

Almario stopped his truck after running over Coquilla. He brought the victim to the East Avenue Medical Center where Coquilla was declared dead.

The driver later surrendered to police. He is detained at the CPD-Traffic Sector III's holding cell in Camp Karingal. *Philip C. Tubeza*

Grocer slain by 5 helpers

By Philip C. Tubeza

GROCERY store owner Rosalio P. Bolata Jr. was robbed and brutally murdered by his own store helpers in Quezon City on Saturday night, police said.

Bolata, 40, resident of Katipunan Avenue, Barangay Loyola Heights, Quezon City, and owner of the JRB Rice Dealer and Groceries store, was beaten to death by the suspects before they ransacked his room and took P250,000 and his .9 mm gun, said investigator SPO1 Ramon Fernandez.

The investigator identified the suspects only as Dodong, Danny, David, Allan and one John Doe. He said they beat Bolata on the head with a steel pipe until his skull cracked open.

The attack happened between 11 p.m. and midnight Saturday, the investigator said.

Bolata's driver Alex E. Pascual, 26, told the investigator that one of Bolata's helpers woke him up around midnight and told him their employer had been murdered.

When Pascual rushed to the second floor, he found the master's bedroom in disarray. But what made his blood run cold was the sight of Bolata sprawled on the sofa, blood oozing from his smashed head.

The Scene of the Crime Operations (Soco) team recovered steel pipe 80 centimeters long and two inches in diameter that the suspects apparently used in the killing, Fernandez said.

Bolata's ground floor office was also in disarray, he said. Around P250,000 in sales money was found missing, as well as Bolata's gun, Fernandez added.

He said Pascual and Bolata's other helpers gave police descriptions of the suspects.

Dismiss bad cops–Herrera

FORMER Bohol Rep. Ernesto Herrera has urged the National Police Commission to initiate summary dismissal proceedings against five Eastern Police District officers who allegedly freed a suspected big-time drug pusher in exchange for P40,000 in cash and 100 grams of shabu worth P200,000.

"These rotten officers do not deserve the kid-glove treatment," said Herrera, former chair of the Senate special committee on illegal drugs. "They should be prosecuted administratively and criminally.

"The likes of these officers have been spoiling the drive against illegal drugs. They are not only setting pushers free, they themselves are recycling drugs back into the streets."

Chief Supt. Simeon Dizon Jr., EPD director, identified the erring officers as SPO1 Patricio Masilang, PO3 Rizalde Medalla and PO2 Joselito Bieles, Emmanuel Esteral and Roberto del Pilar.

They have been put on a floating status pending a more thorough investigation. They raided the home of a suspected drug pusher, Renato Tumaman, at the Welfareville Compound, Barangay Addition Hills in Mandaluyong City.

Tumaman was arrested. But instead of bringing him to the police station, the officers brought him to a fast food restaurant in Maysilo Circle, where they extorted cash and confiscated the shabu, according to witnesses and relatives of the suspect.

Only a no-show could've saved overweight champ

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad

IT WAS not a knockout. It was carnage.

Malcolm Tuñacao, battered and shamed, appeared more like he had been run over by a rushing train.

It was not a world boxing championship match. It was an execution.

His handlers had threatened a walkout after Tuñacao, lone reigning Filipino world boxing champ, received shabby treatment from Thai fight promoters.

Now, it's very clear that there was only one sure way Tuñacao could've been saved from that shameful setback in the fiery hands of an underrated challenger in Phichit, Thailand on Friday.

He should not have shown up for the fight

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With his condition and frame of mind, Tuñacao had no business being inside the ring with Pongsaklek Wonjongkam, a boyish underdog whose name only his countrymen could spell and pronounce correctly.

I myself had expected a classic clash. But this was before I learned that Tuñacao had to lose a total of eight pounds in only four days.

It was too late before I discovered the brutal, unbelievable weight-reducing regimen Tuñacao had been forced to undergo in order to make the official 112-pound weight limit.

Yes, his countrymen had given Wonjongkam, the new World Boxing Council flyweight king, only half a chance of winning.

You bet the fanatical Thais had themselves never expected that blowout, a Friday bonus from the feeble, blind, gameless visitor who only last May left the whole of Thailand in tears by stealing the world flyweight crown from another Thai.

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Why? Because only a fool would bother to be less than a hundred percent for a monumental showdown where a world crown and a country's pride are at stake.

As it turned out, Tuñacao was not even half the fighter who claimed the world crown by a 7th round stoppage of Medgoen 3-K Battery, another Thai, in Udon Thani last year.

For his part, the challenger, the way he flashed killer fury starting at the first bell, was 110 percent, to say the least.

Tuñacao was knocked down a total of three times. Not only twice, as inadvertenly noted in that fight story I phoned in on the road from the championship site.

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The night of the horrible humiliation, after a tiring five-hour afternoon drive from Phichit down to the slum-area boarding house where Tuñacao and party had been billeted, the pieces of the jigsaw that led to the execution started to fall in place.

His manager Rex Wakee Salud insisted that Tuñacao left Manila on Feb. 24 with manageable excess poundage. Tuñacao took a weight test at the Games and Amusements Board office on the eve of departure and passed with flying colors.

Upon serious interrogation by Salud, Tuñacao Team leader Leonel Lazarito, however, admitted that they had been invited to a number of parties.

They could not refuse, Lazarito explained, because the Thai promoters insisted that these affairs were part of the championship promotion.

It would appear, based on Lazarito's explanation, that the Thais had demanded Tuñacao's presence in these parties.

After only one stint at the dinner table, Tuñacao already weighed a hefty 120 pounds, eight over the limit.

This was on Sunday. Upon learning this on Monday, Salud called up Bangkok and gave the elders in the Tuñacao team a dressing down.

What followed was a frantic race to bring down Tuñacao's weight in time for the official weigh-in that coming Thursday.

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Tuñacao first got tagged with a solid right to the head. He fell flat on his back. For an instant, he lay motionless. But when the referee started counting, Tuñacao snapped and jumped back on his feet. This was a minute and 30 seconds in the first round.

Tuñacao actually tried to feign surprise. Something in his face tried to say he was more stunned than hurt.

But 30 seconds after, as Tuñacao was trying to hit back, he was backed against the ropes near his corner. He tried to escape but a series of big blows sent him down on the seat of his pants.

After the second successive knockdown (not "standing knockdown" as inadvertently typed down for that fight story I had to adlib over the cellphone), Tuñacao got up again. He fought back gallantly but not even a miracle could've saved him.

When the Thai challenger made that final charge, poor, defenseless Tuñacao got swallowed in the fury like a piece of rag caught in a tornado. A left and an axe-like right landed smack on his head. Tuñacao fell limbless for the third time, and the Korean referee, as decreed by the WBC, ordered an automatic stoppage.

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That's boxing, that's life, Wakee Salud moaned on the way back to Bangkok.

Salud, credited with producing at least three Filipino world boxing champs, Dodie Boy Peñalosa, Gerry Peñalosa and Tuñacao, kept insisting, however, that Tuñacao arrived in Thailand in perfect condition to defend his crown.

Salud could not accept that he had been made to believe Tuñacao would make the weight limit in perfect health.

Salud was suggesting Tuñacao could've lost, not to his Thai challenger, but to his big appetite.

It was later revealed that Tuñacao, who was supposed to skip meals, could not sleep on an empty stomach.

Of course, Salud knew a healthy Tuñacao couldn't have fully assured himself of a win on Friday. It's not easy to fight a killer train.

Valenzuela inferno kills 8

(From page A25)

In the second-floor toilet, police found the charred body of a man, whose head had been reduced to skull with burnt shreds of flesh.

The dog was found charred in a corner of the garage.

Fire authorities saw how Ryan tried to protect his woman Michelle from the fire. Ryan was found covering Michelle's body with his own body on top of their bed.

The young Gibelagen, who left the house an hour before the blaze started, said the fire was so huge that he and his friends could not even come close to the house to save its occupants.

Police theorized that a worn-out fuse could have sparked and started the fire, which spread quickly after several pieces of fabric stacked near the fuse box caught fire.

But authorities have yet to determine the exact cause of the fire and come up with an estimate of the total damage.

The four-bedroom house had two fire exits, one in the second-floor toilet and another on the verandah, but none of the victims was able to escape through them.

The concrete exterior of the house prevented the fire from spreading to the neighboring houses, although the wooden interior was reduced to cinder.

The bodies of the victims were brought to the Valenzuela Funeral Homes for autopsy.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Monday, March 5, 2001
1st Week of Lent

1st Reading:	**Lev 19:1-2, 11-18**
Gospel:	**Mt 25:31-46**

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory with all his angels, he will sit on the throne of his Glory. All the nations will be brought before him, and as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, so will he do with them, placing the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

The King will say to those on his right: 'Come, blessed of my Father! Take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. For I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me into your house. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to see me.'

Then the good people will ask him: 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and give you food; thirsty and give you drink, or a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to see you?' The King will answer, 'Truly, I say to you: whenever you did this to these little ones who are my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.'

Then he will say to those on his left: 'Go, cursed people, out of my sight into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels! For I was hungry and you did not give me anything to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink; I was a stranger and you did not welcome me into your house; I was naked and you did not clothe me; I was sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

They, too, will ask: Lord, when did we see you hungry, thirsty, naked or a stranger, sick or in prison, and did not help you?' The King will answer them: 'Truly, I say to you: whatever you did not do for one of these little ones, you did not do for me.'

And these will go into eternal punishment, but the just to eternal life."

Commentary

All creation proclaims the glory of God. We humans must not shirk from this inherent duty, which is even heightened in us as believing Christians. God's own holiness is already ours through the baptismal waters. Lent is the opportune time for us to wake up anew to this fact, so that we consequently do acts of justice amd love by recognizing God's own holiness in others. Humans fully alive to one another truly reflect the glory of God.

SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

REMEDIAL LAW (CRIMINAL PROCEDURE)—Determination of probable cause—This petition arose from a case which was still in its preliminary stages, the issue being whether there was probable cause to hold private respondents for trial. And probable cause, for purposes of filing criminal information, has been defined as such facts as are sufficient to engender a well-founded belief that a crime has been committed and that respondent is probably guilty thereof. The determination of its existence lies within the discretion of the prosecuting officers after conducting a preliminary investigation upon complaint of an offended party. Their decisions are reviewable by the Secretary of Justice who may direct the filing of the corresponding information or to move for the dismissal of the case. The procedure is in no wise in the nature of a trial that will finally adjudicate the guilt or innocence of the private respondents. The requisite evidence for convicting a person of the crime of Illegal Possession of Firearms is not needed at this point. It is enough that the Secretary of Justice found that the facts, as presented by both petitioner and private respondents, would constitute a violation of PD 1866. Hence, the Secretary of Justice did not commit grave abuse of discretion in directing the filing of criminal information against private respondents, and clearly, it was error for the Court of Appeals to grant private respondents' petition for *certiorari.* [Citations omitted.] [Justice Bellosillo, Second Division, Advincula v. Court of Appeals, G.R. No. 13144, October 18, 2000]

Digest by R.B. Vera

Cop shoots ...

(From page A25)

Soriago, who was said to be suffering from a nervous breakdown, was shot at about 8:30 p.m. Friday.

His relatives had asked police and village watchers to take custody of Soriago who they said had become "wild and dangerous," according to the investigator, PO3 Rodelio Lingcong of the Western Police District Homicide Division.

Cruz and Medina, both assigned to the Raxa Bago Police Station 1, went to the scene but Soriago locked himself inside the house.

When the two policemen forcibly opened the door, Soriago, armed with a kitchen knife, allegedly attacked them, the investigator said.

Cruz and Medina fired warning shots but Soriago continued to swing the knife at them, police said.

Medina was forced to shoot Soriago. He, however, accidentally shot Cruz, too, in the leg.

Soriago died while undergoing treatment at the Jose Reyes Memorial Medical Center in Sta. Cruz, police said.

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LRTA employees clamor for new administrator

"ERAP-STYLE" management is said to be still the pervading culture at the Light Rail Transit Authority (LRTA), according to its employees.

Employees of the state-run LRTA are asking President Macapagal-Arroyo "to bring positive changes and reform" in the LRTA. But Ms Macapagal has yet to name a new LRTA administrator.

In an open letter to Ms Macapagal, the workers expressed their objection to the appointment of former Metro Inc. chief Moises Tolentino or of Antonio San Luis in a holdover capacity as LRTA chief.

"It was during Tolentino's term that the number of employees working for Metro ballooned to unreasonable proportions, causing the government hundreds of millions in unnecessary expenditures and wastage because of the patronage system practiced by management," the open letter said.

"As former employees of Metro Inc., we are first-hand witnesses to the ineptness and mismanagement of our company, which eventually led to its downfall," the employees said.

They said that during Tolentino's term as Metro chief, results of Metro's technical evaluations during biddings had been partial to those who had been identified as "contributors to his family and personal trips."

They also blame Tolentino for the current problems besetting the LRT.

But Tolentino said "I know I managed LRTA well."

The LRT was placed under management of the Metro Inc., a private firm, when Tolentino was still head of the agency.

The employees also said that San Luis, a former Estrada appointee, has initiated a petition to Malacañang for his retention as LRTA chief.

But they want San Luis out "to give the LRTA a chance for growth via the appointment of a competent and honest administrator."

Foul, Lorna Tolentino says of Antipolo market mess

ACTRESS Lorna Tolentino yesterday cried foul over "unfair and unwarranted" news reports accusing her of operating a market in Antipolo City that has been the object of an alleged closure order for unsanitary operations.

But Elena Orosa, president of the Cogeo Market Venture Corp. (CMVC) that operates the Cogeo Dry and Wet Market, blamed a local politician for "spreading lies" about the market's operation to gain "political stardom" in the city.

Tolentino, wife of Quezon City mayoral candidate and action star Rudy Fernandez, said in a statement that "the timing—of the stories—is glaringly tainted with malice."

She said the politician sought publication of the stories even after various sanitary and health inspection agencies of Antipolo City and the Department of Health certified the privately-owned market to be observing "clean, sanitary and hygienic" operations.

Tolentino claimed she is only a marginal stockholder of the market and does not have any role in its running.

Orosa also said Tolentino only owns 10 percent of the total stocks of the Cogeo Dry and Wet Market and that she is not even a director of the CMVC board.

"Neither I nor the city business permits and license office received any complaint about the alleged unsanitary operation of our market," she said.

Orosa dared the city official concerned to prove her accusation that CMVC has violated existing sanitary and health regulations.

Swindle suspects snared

By Agnes E. Donato

POLICE yesterday arrested two alleged swindlers at the SM Megamall in Mandaluyong City for allegedly conning a seaman applicant.

The arrest was made after Dexter Ciervo, of Mapayapa Village, Quezon City, filed a complaint against laborer Bartolome Antonio, 40, of Barangay Real II Bacoor, Cavite, according to Insp. Efren Jugo, criminal investigation division chief.

Ciervo told police that Antonio earlier promised to give him a job as a seaman. He said Antonio was introduced to him by a friend from the Philippine Nautical Training Institute.

Ciervo claimed that on two occasions, he gave the suspect P25,000 and P1,000 as fees for the processing of his working papers.

But Ciervo started suspecting that something was wrong when Antonio stood him up on Saturday night, when Antonio was supposed to give him his papers.

He said Antonio reportedly called him up on his mobile phone and told him he would not be able to meet him, Ciervo said.

Antonio told him he would instead send an emissary, Raymund Casimiro, 23, to collect the additional P5,000 he was asking from Ciervo.

The case investigator, PO3 Romarico Sta. Maria, said the entrapment operation was staged at Dunkin Donuts on the ground floor of SM Megamall B, where Ciervo was supposed to meet Antonio's emissary.

Casimiro was caught after he received from Ciervo an envelope containing P1,400. Police then instructed Casimiro to call Antonio to come and get the money.

Cabbie robbed, stabbed 12 times

By Philip C. Tubeza

ROBBERS brutally murdered taxi driver Jose Antonio Malony in Quezon City before dawn yesterday.

They were not contented with just taking Malony's earnings, they also stabbed him 12 times, police said.

Malony, 35, of Soldiers Home, Barangay Batasan Hills, Quezon City, was found dead inside his abandoned Sam and Lyn Taxi along Don Mariano Marcos Highway in Barangay North Fairview, also in Quezon City, said investigator PO2 Pedrito Miranda.

Insp. Cesar Girante of the Fairview police station said they were on routine patrol on board a police car when they noticed Malony's taxi parked near the traffic island in front of the Summer Hill Montessori school at 1:56 a.m. yesterday.

"We immediately thought something was wrong because it was parked in the middle of the road and its headlights were still on," Girante said.

When they approached the taxi, a Toyota Corolla (PWE-703), they found Malony bleeding in the driver's seat, Miranda said.

They identified the victim through an ID card.

The Scene of the Crime Operations (Soco) team later found that Malony had 12 stab wounds, most of them in the chest, said PO1 Jospeh Viguilla.

"There must have been two of them (suspects)," Viguilla said.

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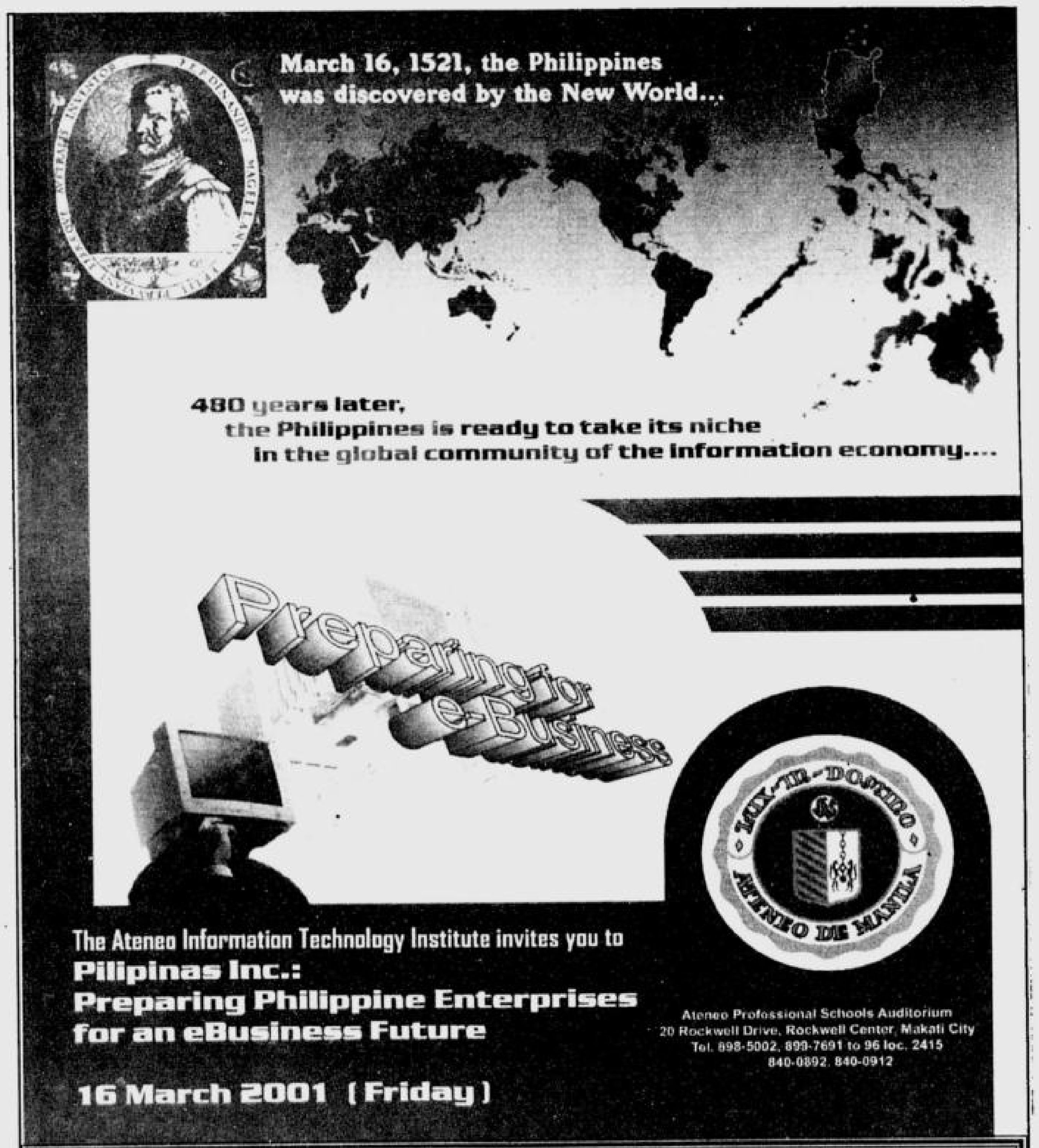
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Widow blooms making artificial flowers

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

WHEN Anita Tiu lost her husband almost 14 years ago, she lost not only her life partner but also the family breadwinner.

As in most Chinese homes, Tiu was an ordinary housewife and did not involve herself in the family business. She relied only on the managers and staff of her husband to help her in managing the business.

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Her lack of knowledge about the business worked against her. Before she knew it, she not only lost her business to swindlers, she was also left with a pile of debts.

A despondent Tiu was faced with the bleak future with no house and no income.

But she did have one talent. She knew how to make beautiful artificial flowers and little novelty items and giveaways that she created for friends and relatives.

Just before her husband died, Tiu was able to mount a one-woman exhibit of her silk flower arrangements. The brisk sales from that exhibit as well as follow-up commissions helped her get started after she became a widow.

A teaching job at the Technological Livelihood and Resource Center and other vocational schools also kept food on the table.

"Money was really my primary concern because not one of my children had finished school yet," she said. "I never really thought it could be a big business because I just liked creating giveaways for relatives and friends."

That talent saved her and her three children. The eldest, Tom, was only 19 while the youngest, Tennille, was just 8, and all were still going to school when their father died.

"When my husband was still around I would decorate our house with the flowers that I made," Tiu recalled. "I would make so many flowers because I was fond of redecorating our house. It was very beautiful."

Friends and family encouraged her, telling her that her creations could compete with the flowers sold at leading department stores and supermarkets.

"I just earned enough at the start to feed my family," she said. "I am fortunate that I was blessed with three very good children. Even if we had only canned sardines for lunch or supper, they would not complain. I told them we should sacrifice a little but that I was striving to give them more."

From family and friends, the network of clients who fell in love with Tiu's creations grew as word spread about the quality of her products. She would sometimes sleep for only two or three hours a day just so she could make sure that the orders were delivered on time.

She expanded from artificial flowers to wedding giveaways, novelty items for birthdays and other special occasions. She sold decorations for Christmas, Easter and Valentine's Day.

The orders just kept on coming and the money was able to send her three children to good schools.

Tom graduated with honors from the Dela Salle University with a degree in computer science. The second son, Dennison, has a master's degree, also from DLSU. The youngest, Tennille, is in medicine proper at the University of the Philippines.

FLOWER power and a lot of hard work make Tiu's business a success. BETOY JOHNSON

"They are very good children and their work in school encouraged and inspired me to work even harder," their mother said. "They are all honor students and I am so proud of them."

Tiu says she also found joy in teaching and encouraging other people to earn money from making souvenirs and artificial flowers. She says she must have taught about 10,000 students in her many years at TLRC and other vocational schools.

"Many of my students still come to me and get materials or ideas and I always share these with them," she said. "I don't mind if they copy my designs because I like more people to go into business."

She stopped teaching, upon the request of her children who said it was time for her to rest and take things easy. One son said she should be in bed by 10 p.m.

Tiu, however, can't sit still and still goes on with her business.

"I love what I do and I like creating things," she said. "I want to show housewives that they can go into this business and earn enough. If I was able to do it, they can do it, too."

Outstanding students honored

MAKATI on Friday honored the city's 10 outstanding students in a program held at the Francisco Santiago Hall of Equitable PCIBank Tower I.

The Ten Outstanding Students of Makati (TOSM) this year are Mary Ann A. Alcta, Fort Bonifacio High School; Theresa Viela A. Aquino, Assumption College; Juan Roberto M. Batang, Benigno S. Aquino High School; Margie T. de Paz, Makati Science High School; Raymond Kahiwat and Jefrey Valencia both from Makati High School-Main; Jose Antonio G. Montalvo, Don Bosco Technical Institute; Sarah T. Roxas, Makati Hope Christian School; Martine Kiel J. Viray of Guadalupe Catholic School; and John Patrick Q. Tan of Colegio San Agustin.

The Jaycees Leadership Awardees for this year are Mark Arnelson E. Arcaya of Makati Science High School and Patricia Marie K. Feria of Assumption College.

A Student of the New Millennium Award was given to Jaemelyn Marie O. Hernandez of Colegio San Agustin by the Makati Jaycees.

The winners were awarded trophies and Paglingkuran Ang Bayan medallions. They also received gifts from National Bookstore, Colgate Palmolive Philippines, San Miguel Corp. Golden Donuts and Mc Donalds Philippines.

Rene C. Galera, a winner last year from Colegio San Agustin and now a student of the University of the Philippines taking up Molecular Biology and Bio-Technology, was this year's emcee.

Councilor Jun Jun S. Binay was guest of honor and keynote speaker.

Mayor Elenita S. Binay has directed the Youth Development Office to include the winners in Makati's 2001 Summer Program for the Youth as part of their benefits for excelling in their studies.

Past TOSM winners are Ferdinand Picar, Baron of PMC Class '88; Chichi Fajardo Robles, newscaster of PTV Channel 4; Rizaldy Scott, 1st place in the BPI science contest; Julio Benedicto, the first Filipino to graduate summa cum laude at Yale University; Sid Gomez Hildawa, a recipient of the Gawad Award of the Cultural Center of the Philippines; and Dr. Ricky Dimayuga, a noted surgeon at the Philippine General Hospital.

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Tickets priced at P1,200, P800 and P600 are available at Maxi-Media office (813-8999 or 893-7737), SM Ticketnet at all SM Department Store branches and at Manila Genesis office (722-7821).

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Rico Yan filmfest

RICO Yan is featured in a week-long filmfest, March 5-9, 3 p.m. on Pinoy Blockbuster Channel.

He stars with real-life sweetheart Claudine Barretto in "Radio Romance," which airs today.

March 6, Rico plays a balikbayan who gets smitten with a country lass Judy Ann Santos in "Paano ang Puso Ko."

Other films to be aired are "Flames, The Movie" (March 7), "Kay Tagal Kang Hinintay" (March 8) and "Mula sa Puso" (March 9).

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VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

SANDRA Bullock is an FBI agent who poses as a beauty tilt contestant being interviewed by William Shatner in "Miss Congeniality."

SANDRA Bullock used to be hot on the heels of **Julia Roberts** and **Demi Moore** in terms of popularity as a Hollywood actress, but some relative flops have eroded her stellar appeal. Now, with her latest starrer, "Miss Congeniality," she recovers some of the ground she's lost.

Which is not to say that the film is an important addition to her filmography. It's really just an agreeably breezy cop caper that's given a novel twist because it requires Bullock to compete in a national beauty contest in order to foil a reported plot to explode a bomb at the venue of the pageant's finals.

To make Bullock's character's assignment even more daunting, she is initially presented to us as sullen, combative tomboy who isn't at all interested in acting feminine and looking beautiful. But her immediate superior (**Benjamin Bratt**) orders her to look her pageant-winning best, and a beauty expert (**Michael Caine**) is brought in to help Bullock achieve the near-impossible. Caine is deliciously bitchy in the role.

It's agreed that, to be able to keep on top of the terrorist plot, Bullock should end up among the top five finalists, but she's got to look like she deserves finalist status, so Caine has his work cut out for him. Bullock puts up a fight, but he's eventually able to transform her into a real beauty.

That's not the only transformation that takes place in the course of the film. At first, Bullock thinks that her fellow contestants are all bimbos, but as she gets to know them better, she realizes that some of them are truly beautiful outside *and* inside, where it really counts.

Bullock's nemesis in this movie is the pageant's veteran on-camera host, played with the requisite arch disdain and snitty biliousness by **Candice Bergen.**

The plot twists that intensify her villainous involvement in the plot are sometimes too lush to be believed, but that's par for the course for this kind of movie.

The film has a fun time spoofing the beauty pageant syndrome's icky conventions, like talent portions featuring the wildly untalented, all of the contestants sanctimoniously wishing for "world peace," and the artificial standards and emblems of beauty that make beauty contests so campy.

But, along with Bullock's transformation, the film eventually concedes that some good things can come from beauty tilts. – Like, we could sure use more "world peace" at this point in time, couldn't we?

On point of acting, Bullock turns in a likably feisty performance as the tomboy-turned-beauty, and her physical transformation *is* impressive to behold.

As an actress, however, she tends to call too much attention to technique, and utilizes small mannerisms and reactions to "comment" on the scene she's playing, in an "aw, shucks" or "don't mind me, I'm just goofing around" sort of way.

Maybe somebody told her that comic acting requires this sort of sardonic byplay. But she occasionally lays it on too thick, and it makes her acting look too self-conscious to be completely captivating. For his part, Bratt matches Bullock's sassiness, so he doesn't end up merely as her screen consort. But his role is too brief for him to really go to town with it.

As for Candice Bergen, she shows her character's true colors too early in the movie, so her rise to villainy is a foregone conclusion, and that makes the revelation of her evil intent much less surprising than it was obviously meant to be.

TV treats

TODAY at 8 p.m. on Star World, "Sabrina, The Teenage Witch" stars **Melissa Joan Hart** in the episode titled "As Westbridge Turns." Sabrina, Harvey and Jenny become desperate, so they look for something new and stimulating to do.

At 9 p.m. on Channel [V] Int'l., the channel joins the "kings of punk pop" Tre, Mike and Billie Joe, as they rock the streets of Sydney I October's sellout concert, "Over the Edge Special, Green Day, Live at Goat Island."

At 9 p.m. on Star Movies, the film on view is "Rushmore," starring **Bill Murray, Jason Schwartzman** and **Olivia Williams.**

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Sharon, Lorna add highlight to Hair Asia championship

SHARON Cuneta, Lorna Tolentino and Fanny Serrano lead the celebrities who will grace Hair Asia's 10th National Open Championship for Hairstyling and Makeup tomorrow, March 6, at the World Trade Center on Roxas Boulevard in Pasay City.

The event will also launch Hair Asia's newest publication, Profile, a 200-page magazine about beauty.

A lifetime achievement award will be presented to top hairstylist Jun Encarnacion.

Sharon and her husband Francis "Kiko" Pangilinan will unveil Profile magazine.

Major hair care companies have expressed support for the annual event that draws thousands of beauty practitioners who compete for top honors, cash and other prizes.

Splash Kolours, sponsor of the Ladies Creative Color, Haircutting and Blow-dry categories, is launching its latest product, Premium Hair Bleach, in a live demo to be conducted by Obet Federizo and Paradigm Artistic Team.

Tricks Styling Gel and Hair Polish, sponsor of the Men's Creative Color, Haircutting and Blow-dry categories, will also have a live product demo to be conducted by Victor Ortega of Emphasis Salon and Hair Asia '97 overall champion Leo Priagola.

Side exhibitions will be done by Elvie Pineda Beauty Salon (with Pineda's daughters Rachel and Lani Lobangco assist her), Wella and L'Oreal in addition to the traditional trade fair that features the products of Ah-Glow, Aktuelle, Belcon Marketing, Braidwood International, Elvie Pineda Beauty Care Center, Framesi, Golden Fabulouz, Hortaleza Beauty Center, Jun Encarnacion Beauty Institute, Micopore Salon Eqipment, Modern Salon Supplies, Max Factor, MTN Marketing, Persona Cold Wave Lotion, Persona Aromatheraphy Hot Oil Treatment, Philippine International School of Fashion. Schwarzkopf, Sebastian, TIGI Hair Care and Total Beauty Supplies.

Hair Asia's National Open Championship is organized by Hair Asia magazine publisher Evelyn Alvaran-Cruz who will co-host the affair with Lorna and Fanny.

ENCARNACION

ALVARAN-CRUZ

'Almost Famous' at Power Plant

DW~U 107.5 FM, the home of New Rock, presents an advance screening of Cameron Crowe's "Almost Famous" on Monday, March 5, at 7 p.m. at Cinema 6 of the Power Plant Mall, Rockwell Center in Makati.

Set in 1973, "Almost Famous" is Crowe's first film since the Academy Award nominated "Jerry Maguire." The new movie chronicles the funny and poignant coming-of-age of 15-year-old William (Patrick Fugit), an unabashed music fan inspired by the seminal bands of his time.

When his love for music lands him an assignment from Rolling Stone Magazine to interview the band Stillwater, William embarks on an eye-opening journey with the band's tour. With the help of the "band aid" Penny Lane (Kate Hudson, Goldie Hawn's daughter), William finds himself drawn into the band's inner circle.

"Almost Famous" is a Columbia Pictures and Dreamworks Pictures presentation of a Vinyl Films production.

Freestyle holds campus concert

FREESTYLE, one of today's hottest bands, goes to Saint Michael's College of Laguna for a concert on March 6, 6 p.m.

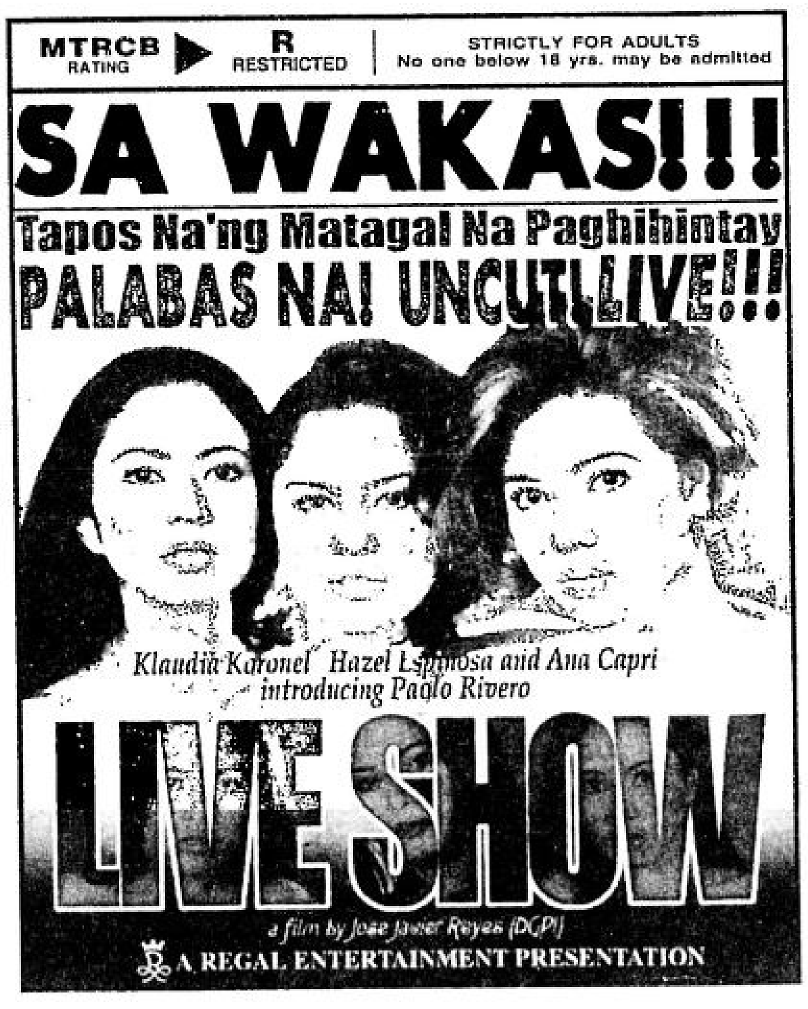
"Freestyle This Time Live @ SMCL" is being held in celebration of the school's college week.

During the college week, Saint Michael's will hold exciting activities such as a fair, exhibit, disco, cookfest and a 9-ball billiards competition.

The concert is sponsored by Nescafe Frothe, which is also hosting a fun party called "Eufrothia," prior to the show. Anyone can get a ticket to the concert for only P200, plus an empty sachet of Nescafe Frothe. Interested parties may call (049) 511-9359.

Freestyle, led by Totop Suzara and Jinky Vidal, will regale the student of SMCL with their current hits like "So Slow," "Before I Let You Go," "Good Love," "This Time" and "Till I Found You."

For more information, call Full Circle Communications at 878-8608.



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ALMOST FAMOUS won a Golden Globe BEST PICTURE Award (Musical/Comedy), and 4 Academy Award nominations for Original Screenplay, Editing, and Supporting Actress for Kate Hudson and Frances McDormand. The movie also stars Billy Crudup, Jason Lee, Patrick Fugit, Anna Paquin and Fairuza Balk.

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Five excellent excuses to forget your diet

KRIS AND TELL

Kris Aquino

MY episode later on "Today with Kris Aquino" was partly inspired by the success of my restaurant reviews in this column. I went food-tripping in four different parts of the metropolis that represent different types of food and price preferences.

I taped this episode over three days, the whole of Wednesday afternoon until early evening, the entire Thursday afternoon until past midnight of Friday, and culminating on Saturday night. For somebody on a diet, this was an excellent excuse to eat.

First, I went snack-tripping at the Power Plant Mall at Rockwell Center in Makati City. I went to three of their eating establishments that are noteworthy in that they are trying to be very "New York City outdoor café" style. I love the fact that the Power Plant took its cue from Soho and Greenwich Village and used a sort of cobblestone-type of sidewalk, with careful detail put into the arrangement of the outdoor tables, with umbrellas and potted trees as accents.

Fusion

Che specializes in fusion cuisine, which I've never been converted to. But they did have excellent sandwiches. Their grilled chicken sandwich was flavorful and did not have too much mayonnaise like some other chicken sandwiches served by other restaurants and hotel coffee shops.

I fell in love with their sandwich bread. It was soft and chewy, and had a sweetish-buttery flavor. According to Che's chef, the bread is from a special recipe that a local bakery does exclusively for Che. Their bread is enough reason for me to make a return trip.

Struan & Tang specializes in British and Chinese cuisines. I love iced tea and I found their Strawberry Chill iced tea refreshing. It brought back so many fond memories of my Boston youth, when Kool-Aid on a hot summer day was such a welcome treat. Strawberry Chill is the adult version of that, with the added benefit of tea's anti-oxidant properties.

I tried their Fish and Chips, which wasn't oily, was in fact delicately battered and the *lapu-lapu* they used was very fresh. There were two dipping sauces, honey mustard and tartar sauce. I've been reading a lot of British novels recently and I know for a fact that the British normally have their fish and chips with a salt and vinegar dip. I love vinegar, and making it a third choice would make this dish perfect.

Generous

Our last stop in Power Plant was Settle's Best Coffee. I indulged in my favorite White Chocolate Mocha coffée concoction. They were very generous with the whipped cream and the white chocolate shavings. This is my favorite coffee drink, and it's rich enough to satisfy all my dessert cravings.

On Thursday, I taped in Quezon City's Banawe area, which is not just for car accessories anymore. It's now teeming with many restaurants, most notable of which are the Binondo-inspired outlets with really authentic and satisfying Chinese cuisine.

My first stop was Causeway Seafood restaurant. I tried their dimsum, and found the pork *siomai* as delicious as my favorites in Gloria Maris, HafChang, and Luk Yuen. Their siopao *asado* was very good and was generous with the pork in its filling.

I am mildly allergic to scallops, crabs, lobsters, shrimps and prawns. But since this was a seafood restaurant most of their house specialties were the very foods I'm allergic to.

I was feeling adventurous so I decided to take some small bites of their scallops with broccoli, prawns baked in garlic, clams in *tausi*, and Hong Kong spicy fried crabs. All their dishes were absolutely delicious, at par with South Villa in Greenhills, Shang Palace in Makati Shangri-La, and Summer Palace in Edsa Plaza.

The crabs were absolutely the best I've ever had. The crab meat was firm and flavorful, and its spiciness just right, with enough zing and bite that did not require a gulp of water with each bite.

I met some of their chefs, who really looked professional and who presented the food beautifully and artistically. This Chinese restaurant is truly worth the trip and the parking hassle on Banawe.

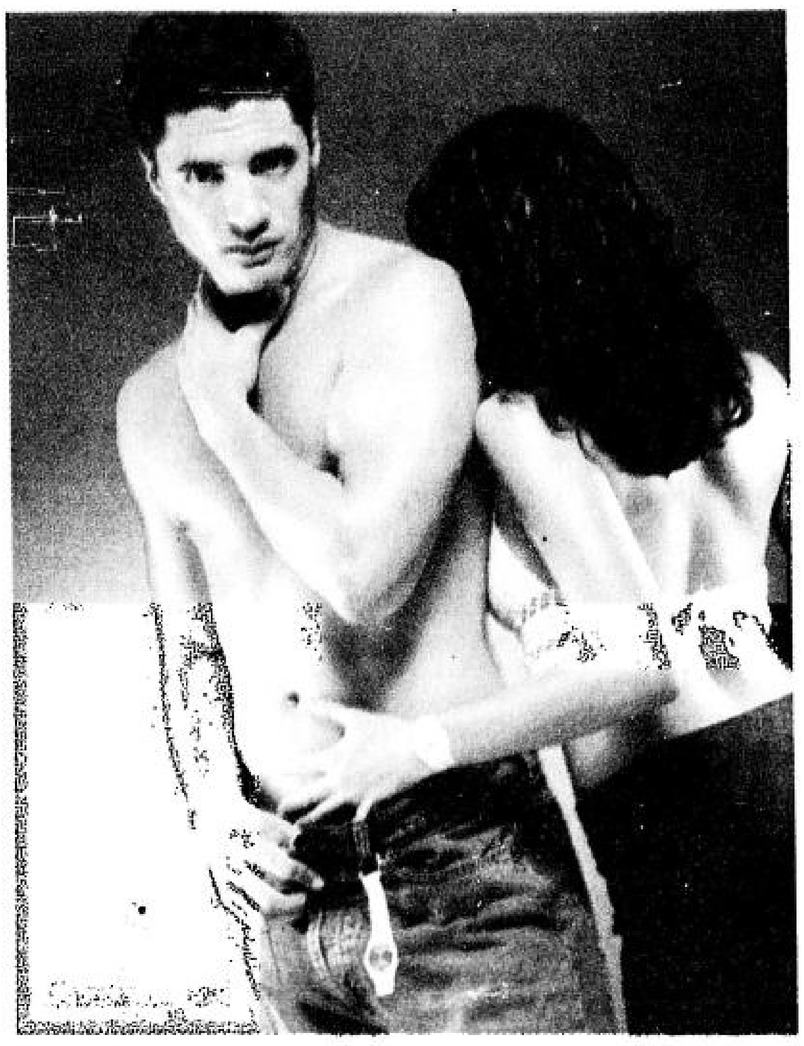
Special offer

I also visited Mini Shabu-shabu. This place is a hot-pot outlet, but it's come-on is the fact that each diner has his own hot pot where he can cook his choice of mixed seafoods, "fat beef," pork loin, lobster, crabs and mixed vegetables in a steaming hot chicken broth.

A young couple in their mid-20s own the restaurant, and their youth must have influenced its hip, modern décor. I had fun mixing my dipping sauce, and liked the fact that there was a generous supply of minced garlic, spring opinions and chili peppers.

Their special offer: When you order a set meal, it's complete with dessert and your iced tea or softdrink is free and bottomless.

These are just five of the 10 food outlets that I visited. I'll try and give you a detailed update on the rest in the coming weeks. Happy eating!



TIME AND TROY

Two S words can best describe Troy Montero these days–sexy, and Swatch. The hunk's sexy body is on show all over the metropolis in billboards and in window displays in all Swatch stores. When he was growing up in the United States, Troy once wrote an essay called "Ugly duckling" that made his Filipino mother cry. The boy was confused about his identity, and so were people, who would ask if he was Latino or Italian or anything but American. These days, seeing Troy and Swatch together, there's no doubt about it: Time has made him a very easily identifiable hunk, whose heart beats proudly with very Pinoy blood.

11TH GOMA CUP

No hole in one, but no boycott either

By Leah Salterio

NO, the stars did not boycott Richard Gomez's latest Goma Cup in Boracay. The celebrity golf tournament was another success.

A storm just before the event did cause certain stars to back out at the last minute. Richard was reportedly willing to cancel the tournament if the weather didn't improve, said Marilen Nuñez of Hartebeest Entertainment, which mounts the annual Goma Cup.

But the skies cleared up and the sun shone, and the celebrities took to the greens of Fairways and Bluewaters in Boracay.

Richard categorically denied there was a boycott because of his association with former President Joseph Estrada.

"The Apo Hiking Society is in Australia," Richard explained. "Buboy (Garrovillo) even talked to me before they left and told me why he could not join the Goma Cup.

"Martin (Nievera) and Dingdong (Avanzado) are doing a concert tour in the States. Joey (Marquez) and Anjo (Yllana) are in Bangkok to tape their sitcom.

"Vic Sotto didn't want to be away from 'Eat Bulaga' because he said the ratings war is really very stiff these days. Same with John (Estrada), who couldn't leave 'MTB.'

"Willy (Revillame) was willing to play, but he asked me, 'Do you think *hindi ako pagpipiyestahan ng* press *diyan* after what happened?' So he opted not to show up."

The Goma Cup also invites professional golfers and gives away cash prizes. The Goma Cup prize is even bigger than those offered by some professional golf tournaments.

Last year, there was a category for junior golfers. "But that was not possible this time since the junior golfers are still in school and most of them have exams," Richard explained.

"Last year, the Goma Cup was held in April and it was already summer vacation, so they were able to participate."

Family outing

The 11th Goma Cup was sponsored by Smart Zed. For the past three years, Smart Communications had been spending millions of pesos to make the event a winner, in cooperation with Richard's Hartebeest Entertainment.

Smart's public affairs head Mon Isberto was on a business trip to France with other Smart executives. Isberto was represented by Ruth Tadeo, Marilyn Rivera, Joe Clemente and Hanji Villanueva.

The Boracay event turned out to be a family outing for most of the show biz stars who participated. Richard himself came with wife Lucy Torres and their six-month-old daughter Julianna.

"We have taken Julianna to Ormoc (Leyte) and Baguio, but it's her first time to see the beach and she enjoys the water so much," Richard said. "She also took her first tricycle ride and she slept during the ride."

Lucy's dad, Manuel Torres, was among the non-professional players. Her sister Karen came to simply enjoy the beach.

Richard's long-time manager, Douglas Quijano, came to lend moral support as well as to have a much-needed break.

Swollen toe

Ariel Rivera was with his actress-wife Gelli de Belen, who also played golf but only on the first day. One of Gelli's feet was in a golf shoe, the other in a beach slipper: She had a swollen toe.

Ogie Alcasid was accompanied by wife Michelle van Eimeren and daughter Leila.

Action star Ian Veneracion was with his non-show biz wife Pam and son Draeco.

Richard's golf buddy Thirdie Escaño came with his wife Cathy Sta. Maria and their daughter.

The games were held at Fairways and Blue Waters, but the stars, guests, sponsors, media and other participants were billeted in different beachfront resorts—Waling-Waling, Willy's, Sand Castles, Pearl of the Pacific and Boracay Terraces.

Monsour del Rosario was in top form, emerging overall champ in the celebrity division.

"I've always been a Goma Cup participant and I always ended a runner-up," Monsour said. "I'm very happy because now, I'm the overall champion."

The tournament was divided into three categories. Composer Archie Castillo won in the Class A division, with film director Tony Reyes as first runner-up and stage/TV director Al Quinn as second runner-up.

Balladeer Bert Nievera won in the Class B division. Felipe Gutierrez had a first runner-up finish, while Hajji Alejandro was second runner-up.

Spectacular

Class C champion was Ian, followed by newscaster Frankie Evangelista and actor Jomari Yllana.

In the ladies division, "S-Files" segment host VP Hernandez brought home the top trophy. Kitchie Benedicto and Leah Navarro were first and second runners-up.

"S-Files" host Lyn Ching was given a special "course instructor" award for her spectacularly inexperienced play.

"I've played golf only twice, in the Omega Cup in Cebu last year and here in Boracay," Lyn told the crowd as she received her award — a bunch of coconuts.

Richard confessed he played a bad game on both days of the tournament.

"I usually have a nine handicap, but this time, I played 11 over par so that's not so good," he said.

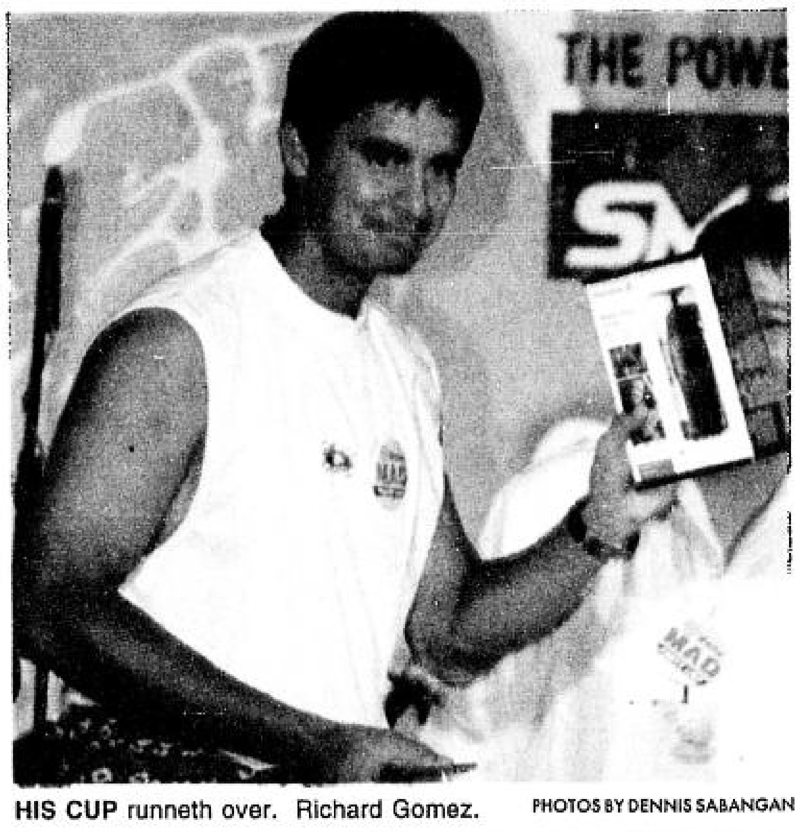
Still, the actor didn't mind not winning.

"The most important thing for men is that the participants enjoyed playing," he said.

Other celebrities in the line-up were talent manager Ronnie Henares, sports commentator Emy Arcilla, singer Ogie Alcasid, flutist Jong Cuenco, sports TV host Bobby Yan, comedian Bearwin Meily, actor Kristopher Peralta, former actress Nadia Montenegro, and former hardcourt star Fritz Gaston.

Overall champion in the professional division was Rick Gibson, who won a trophy and P200,000. The 38 other professional golfers who participated were also awarded cash prizes.

Aside from golf, the Goma Cup had other special activities like beach volleyball, sack race and, for the media,



HIS CUP runneth over. Richard Gomez.

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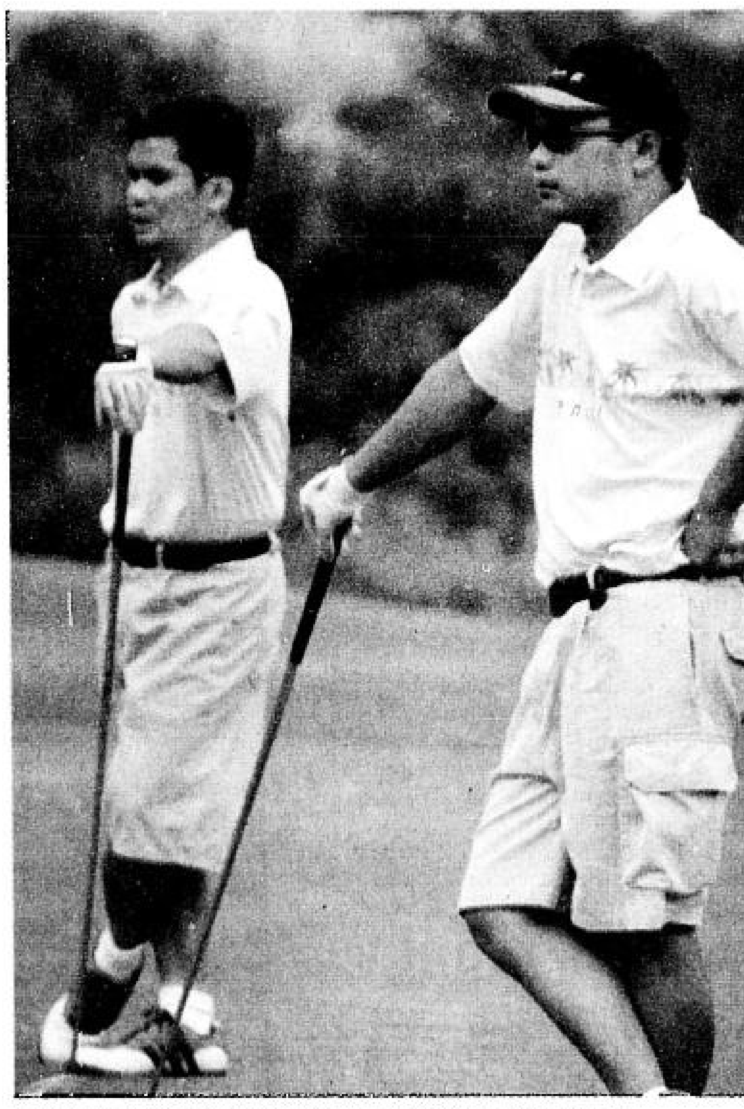
CHAMPS of Class C Ian Veneracion (center), first runner-up Frankie Evangelista (right) and second runner-up Jomari Yllana.

COCONUT WOMAN Lyn Ching gets a "special award."

THE SON ALSO RISES. Ian with son Draeco.



FAIRWAY PAIR Ariel Rivera (right) and Ogie Alcasid.

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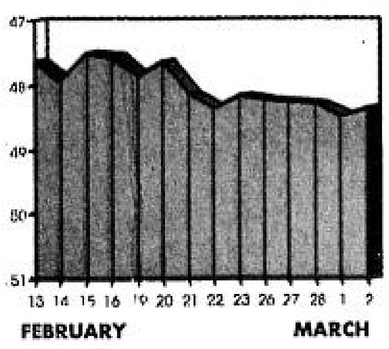

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STOCK MARKET

Stocks to rise

SHARE prices are expected to surge this week following the Supreme Court's decision on the legitimacy of the Macapagal administration.

Even without the dismissal of ousted President Estrada's petition laying claim on the presidency, many analysts had expected a slight uptick this week.

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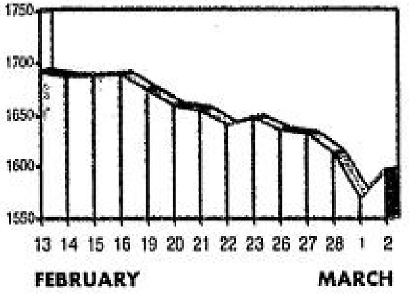

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Foreign, local investors regaining interest in RP

By GIL C. CABACUNGAN JR.

FOREIGN and local investors are slowly regaining their confidence in the Philippines as the Board of Investments reported a dramatic surge in project registrations since President Estrada was booted out of office in January.

Trade Secretary Manuel A. Roxas II said the surge in investments in the first days of the Macapagal administration was a good start for the country, which is seeking to improve its image in the foreign business community.

"We think it augurs well for the reform program of this government and it will further invigorate the investment environment in the country," Roxas said.

The BOI approved a total of 20 projects worth P3.73 billion in the first month of the Macapagal administration, up by 50.3 percent from P2.38 billion during the same period last year.

The BOI data showed that foreign equity investments jumped by 162 percent to P600.7 million in this administration's first 30 days from P229 million during the same period last year. Roughly 75 percent of foreign investments came from Asia.

Although insignificant compared to the investments tallied in the 1990s, the data were a tremendous boost to the BOI, which saw its investments plunge to a 12-year low of P40 billion to P45 billion as investors avoided the country because of its inept leadership and lack of fiscal incentives.

The recharged BOI investment data mirrored the bullish growth of investments in economic zones. The Philippine Economic Zone Authority logged in P10.92 billion worth of investment projects during the period, up by 284 percent from last year. Peza investments had soared 101 percent to P74.056 billion last year from P36.819 billion in 1999.

Roxas said he expected investments to lead economic growth starting in the second half of this year and sustain the momentum from the consumer-led activity in the first half.

He admitted, though, that the BOI would have to look for other means to stimulate investments because Congress was not likely to approve refinements in its fiscal incentive package for another year.

The BOI has given up hopes of getting Congress' nod to a bill enhancing its fiscal incentive package this year even if legislators hold a special session after the May elections.

Roxas earlier said the proposed amendments to the Omnibus Investments Act were not likely to be part of the agenda for the special session of the 11th Congress.

He said the Power Reform Bill and the Money Laundering Act were given priority for approval by the Legislative-Executive Development Council in the proposed special session.

Aside from more urgent bills, Roxas said there was simply no time to merge the Senate and House versions of the revisions to the Omnibus Investments Act.

Roxas said Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, the bill's author in the upper chamber, was too busy campaigning for his reelection as a senator and he would be hard-pressed to finalize the new law.

BOI officials had earlier warned that failure to pass the changes in the BOI's incentives package by next month would set back Philippine investments by at least two years.

The American Chamber of Commerce had also cited the importance of sprucing up the incentive package to make it at par or better than other Asian economies competing for similar investments. It said these incentives have become even more important now that China, with its huge domestic market, and potentially India, are getting all the attention of corporate planners at the headquarters of large multinational companies.

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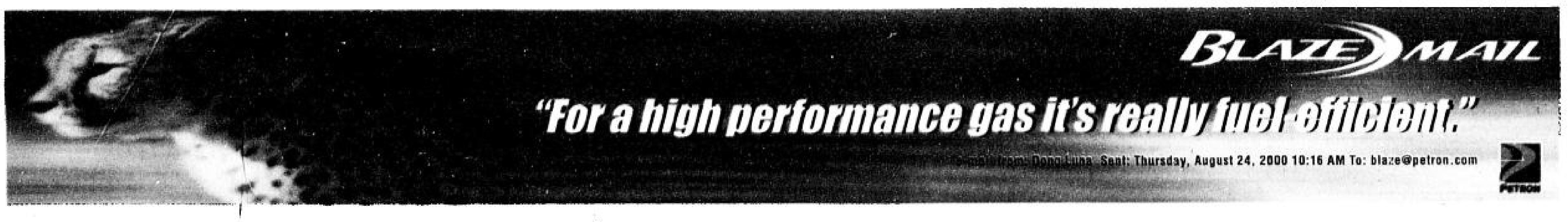
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COCKTALES

By Victor C. Agustin

WHEN the Cojuangco camp was still attempting to get into San Miguel Corp., the favorite attack line of their media allies against the then ruling Sorianos was that the Castilaloy management had been treating San Miguel as a private reserve despite it being majority owned by the government and the public.

The pro-Cojuangco attacks particularly zeroed in on multibillion purchases of the San Miguel Group, suggesting that the Sorianos had less than arms-length transactions with favored suppliers and dealers.

Now that their political patron in Malacañang had been chased out of office, anecdotal and documentary evidence are slowly filtering out of San Miguel that, hmmm, the Cojuangco camp is not much different from its reviled predecessor.

The Macapagal-Arroyo advance team in San Miguel, for instance, is looking into the company's purchase of 800 hectares of coastal lands in Batangas.

Had Edsa II not intervened, San Miguel would have broken ground at the sprawling estate, where it planned to relocate the major manufacturing and bottling operations in order to take advantage of Batangas' deep-harbors and the cheap natural gas electricity that would come from Malampaya.

While on paper the relocation project looks good, even commendable, what the Cojuangco camp prefers not to be highlighted on the multibillion purchase is from which landed family they had acquired the lands and who had brokered those transactions.

The same murkiness can be said about Total Managers Inc., the management and financial consulting company that now oversees the country's largest food, beverage and packaging complex.

Total Managers is not even being listed in the telephone directory.

Or Centech, the engineering company it hired as manufacturing consultant but had to be dropped after it became public that it was also the same Centech that built the Laarni Enriquez mansion in Wack Wack.

"Sarap Maging Barkada" is not only a catchy advertising slogan that the Cojuangco-era San Miguel would like to be known for.

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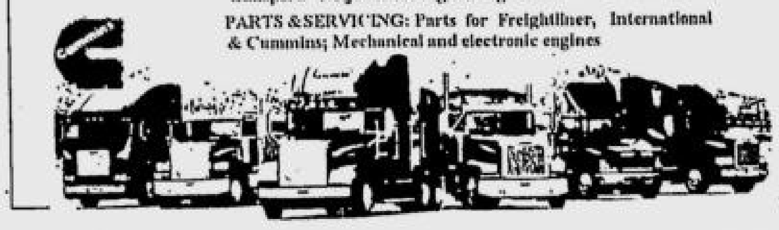

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Gov't, Tan seen to OK joint sale of PNB stakes

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE MACAPAGAL administration expects to strike a deal this week with taipan Lucio Tan for a joint sale of their holdings in Philippine National Bank.

The government, sources said, has been preparing the memorandum of understanding that would finalize the planned joint sale of Tan's 70 percent and the government's 16-percent holdings in PNB, a proposal from the Tan camp.

"This week, we will have something more firm on the plan. We have to put whatever agreement we will have in writing. The initiative to pursue a joint sale came from the Tan camp," a government source said.

At the same time, the source said the new government was not keen on raising further its stake in PNB. It has reportedly dropped the call option scheme and a debt-to-equity swap proposal that could bring up the government's holdings in the ailing bank.

In June last year, Tan and the government tried to sell their respective interests (46 percent and 30.4 percent plus about 4 percent from the PNB Retirement Fund or a total of 80 percent) in PNB.

Tan wanted to sell his stake last year for P160 per share at a time when PNB shares were trading below P80 per share. Due to the high selling price, the bidding failed.

In a stock rights offering last September, Tan infused P10 billion in fresh capital into PNB boosting his equity in the bank to more than 70 percent. The government's equity, in the process, was diluted to only about 16 percent from about 34 percent.

A government source said the taipan seemed to have "felt helpless" in rehabilitating the ailing bank because of his association with deposed President Estrada.

"He feels that there is not much he can do. Whatever help the BSP or the government extends to PNB will always be tainted because of his association (with Estrada)," said a government source.

The source, however, said that the terms of the joint sale should assure any new investor that a rehabilitation plan for PNB would still be supported by both the Department of Finance and the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas.

Without the assurance, the shares of the ailing bank will remain unattractive even at P60 per share when it is currently trading below P40 per share.

"The terms of the joint sale should be drafted after an MOU is finalized. We have to determine the terms like the selling price, whether it will be indicative or floor price," said the government source.

The BSP had approved in principle a rehabilitation plan for PNB in January. The plan will allow PNB to pay P10 billion of the P15 billion in emergency loan extended by the BSP through a payment-in-kind arrangement with the remaining P5 billion to be paid within eight years.

Meantime, the government is set to reorganize the PNB board. PNB chair Andres Narvasa, one of Estrada's defense lawyers, will be replaced reportedly by former PDIC president Ernest Leung.

RP becoming hub for back-office jobs

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PHILIPPINES is fast becoming a haven for back-office functions of multinational companies, according to international property management firm Colliers Jardine.

In a recent study, Colliers Jardine said that while Hong Kong and Singapore remained as the preferred locations for regional headquarters of MNCs, the Philippines was now capitalizing on its abundant supply of quality, low-cost and skilled labor to become a hub for back-office functions of these companies.

"The cost-benefits of setting remote or shared services centers in the Philippines are enormous, according to those who are already in the country. While the wage costs for white-collar employees are estimated at only 10 to 20 percent of those in the United States, the Philippine workforce is highly educated, proficient in English and easily adaptable—all important pluses in a rapidly changing global economy," Colliers Jardine said.

The study also said the Philippine government was providing lucrative incentives to MNCs such as tax holidays, all the more reason why many have chosen to locate their call centers or shared services centers for time-consuming and labor-intensive functions in the country.

"The list of functions that can be performed in these centers is long. These include payroll accounting and inventory management; software development and systems maintenance; website design and maintenance; data warehousing and data conversion; insurance claims processing; medical transcription; and content development," it noted.

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SSS/GSIS members should boycott Erap's candidates

Questions of Policies

Honesto C. General

NEVER in the 40-year life of the Social Security System (SSS) and the longer history of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) has so much of members' money been lost in one single investment deal. It took Joseph Estrada to do it.

In mid-1999, SSS and GSIS each plunked down P7.5 billion to help Equitable Bank buy the much bigger Philippine Commercial and Industrial Bank.

The P15 billion plus P16.9 billion from Equitable paid for the 72 percent combined holdings in PCI of the Gokongwei and Lopez groups. The stocks were bought at P290 per share.

As soon as the news broke, officers of the Philippine Association of Retired Persons (PARP), now a leading party-list candidate in the coming May elections, sat down twice with then SSS president Carlos Arellano to voice out their concerns. First, PARP said, the investment, being 5 percent of the total SSS investments then, was imprudently large; it was putting too many eggs in one basket. Second, no due diligence test or long audit was conducted as required by law when one bank buys another. Third, the buying price was too high. Since it was a wholesale purchase, the buying price should have been less than the prevailing market price. Instead, the buying price was P40 per share above market price. PARP has a pending complaint at the Ombudsman on this deal.

PARP felt the whole deal stunk to high heavens. How could two experienced bankers like Arellano and GSIS president Federico Pascual be so rash? Besides, PCI was damaged goods. While it was true that all banks were reeling under past due loans as a result of the economic crisis, PCI was known in the industry as really hurting especially because of an unusually large dollar loan. The talk was that Gokongwei was fuming and wanted to fire then bank president Rafael Buenaventura.

Estrada came to the rescue. He ordered SSS and GSIS to buy PCI at atrocious terms, taking Gokongwei and the Lopezes off the hook. Buenaventura, without a job because of the merger, was appointed to the Bangko Sentral. Everybody was happy—except the poor members of SSS and GSIS.

At the merged bank (now named Equitable PCI), every PCI share was converted into three Equitable PCI shares valued at P96 per share. The converted shares are now trading at P56 a share. For GSIS members, the investment has lost about P3.2 billion.

At the SSS, the situation is worse. After the merger, as the stock plummeted in the market, SSS bought more shares to bring down the average purchase price, a usual ploy of investors. Today, the average cost to SSS is down from P96 to P83. But, at the current market price of P56 per share, the loss to SSS members is over P4 billion.

So far, the total loss for SSS and GSIS members is over P7.2 billion, already the biggest single investment loss in their history. More than 60 percent of members are minimum wage workers. These poor members, Erap's supposed mass base, not to mention the retirees, carry this loss more heavily. Once again, Erap has screwed his beloved poor.

Apologists will say the loss is merely a paper loss. The actual loss will be incurred only when the shares are actually sold. Don't you buy this line? A loss is a loss. If you continue to carry in your books the original price of P96, instead of the market price of P56, whom do you think are you fooling?

The impeachment trial revealed that Estrada got a 10-percent finder's fee, or P1.5 billion, from crony George Go of Equitable. There is also talk that Estrada got commissions from Gokongwei and Lopez.

Punishing Estrada through the courts can drag on for years. SSS and GSIS members can punish him quickly. In the elections next May, they should boycott all the Puwersa ng Masa candidates, starting from his senatorial lineup whose names will never soil this column. There are almost 25,000,000 of us at SSS and GSIS. Let Estrada feel our wrath. Let his support be the kiss of death.

Estrada has started campaigning in Mindanao. He probably thinks that the farther he is from Manila, the more support he still has. Let us prove him wrong. There are over 3.6 million SSS and GSIS members in Mindanao. Even if he goes to farthest Tawi-Tawi, he should feel the heat from 8,000 members there. He can run, but he cannot hide.

Cocktales

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THE SOCIAL Security System wrote to say that, contrary to what was claimed by the new DOTC bosses, the SSS "has never received any proposal from the DOTC" reviving the graft-ridden rural telephony program.

The program, as reported in the Feb. 9 Cocktales, is anchored on the government financial institutions granting concessional loans "at single-digit interest rates with a 10-year repayment period" to telephone companies setting up telecenters in remote, still unserved barangays.

"The Department of Transportation and Communications has collaborated with the different government agencies to finalize the incentives provided for in the program," the DOTC claimed in its concept paper.

These incentives include the GFIs providing guarantee to "loans, credits or indebtedness secured by the service provider directly from foreign or local sources," the DOTC said.

However, the SSS said it promised no such thing.

"The SSS is in no position to guarantee loans of any firm," the SSS statement said. "The SSS adheres to its charter, which sets the limit where it could invest its funds."

Short takes

- AQUINO-ERA Finance Secretary Jesus Estanislao heads the shortlist of nominees for the chairmanship of the Development Bank of the Philippines.

Estanislao, a leading Opus Dei member, currently sits on the board of Metrobank.

- AS of Friday afternoon, the website of the Office of the President still listed in its directory a certain Joseph Estrada as president.

Just to give you an idea how dated the directory was, it even listed Fernando Barican as presidential spokesman.

Heard through the grapevine

INVESTMENT banker Vince Perez is the incoming managing governor of the Board of Investments.

A personal choice of Trade and Industry Secretary Manuel Roxas II, also an investment banker himself, the ex-Lazard Freres executive is expected to be the country's chief rainmaker for foreign investments.

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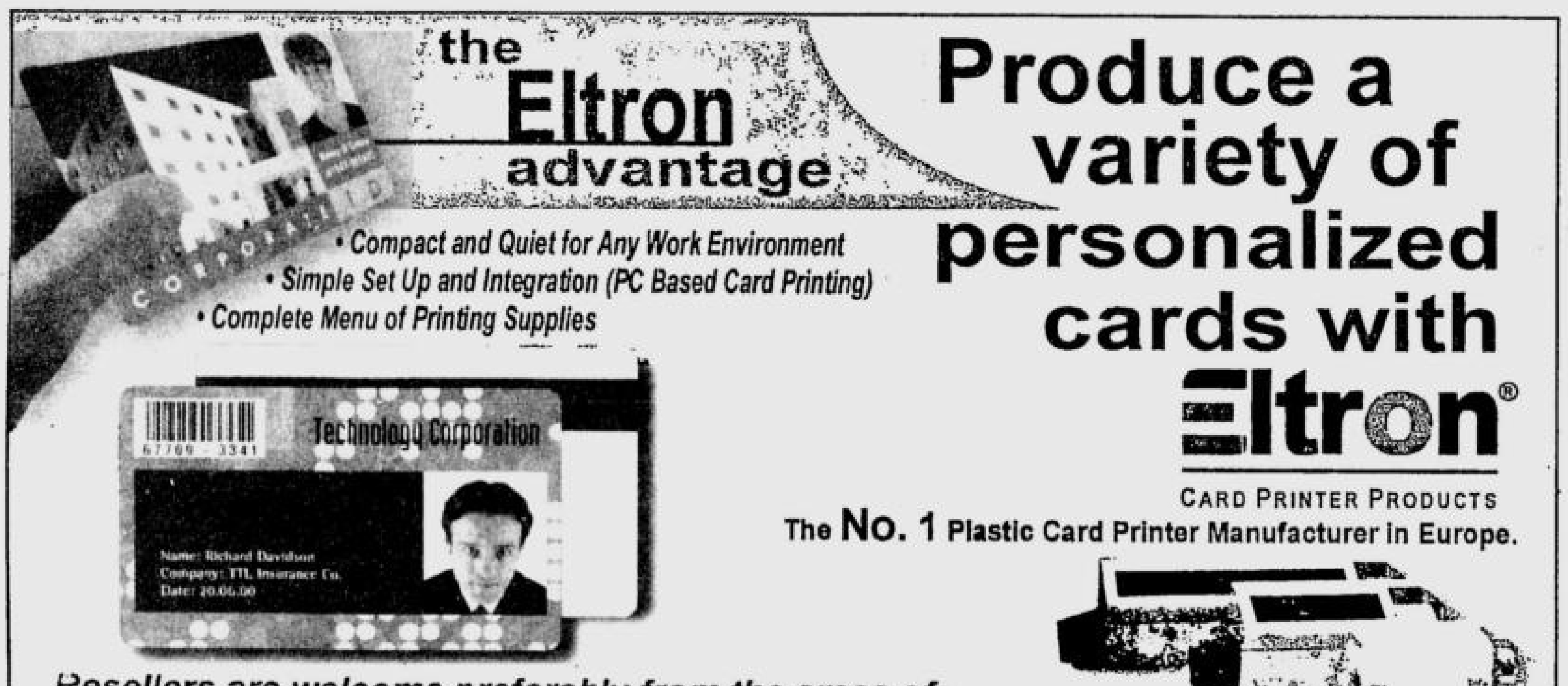

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Maybe it's the weather

ON THE MONEY

John Mangun

PRICES on the Philippine Stock Exchange came down to an important level last week. The fall stopped at 1570 and that is a longer-term area from which we could or even should go up. The first comment I received after the market closed on Friday was that volume on that up day was not very big. In truth, the volume Friday was larger than any of the previous down days because there was not a single large trade (called a "cross transaction") to distort the volume numbers.

We need a move above the 1650 area to sustain any short-term upward momentum, but I would not hold my breath waiting for it to happen. There are only two choices with this market. One is that we move up quickly and then prices will drop. This would mean that a long-term bull rally is still in the distant future.

The other choice is that we play around near the 1600 area and build a base for a two- to three-year run.

When I say the 1600 area, that could mean a fall to as low as around 1300. Boy, a move that low would shake everybody up. Nevertheless, if it happens, I do not have a problem with it. I would call your attention to the fact that before the rally of 1993-1994, trading was very similar during the first half of 1993 as to now. Prices kept going up and then collapsing. Then a period of utter frustration hit where prices could do nothing except "forecast" a bleak and unpromising future. Then in July 1993, prices went up, never really looking back. Make no mistake though. The market of that period was a break in a bull market that started in 1990 at the bottom after the 1989 coup attempt. Now we have been in a bear market since February 1997. And it will take time for the change of direction to come. But the most basic of the longer term indicators that I use to signal a long-term change in direction look remarkably the same as at the 1990 turning point. Let's hope that it holds again. I am sure that certain members of the current administration hope so too.

I find it interesting that every president makes a comment like the one, "The stock market will go up because of my administration." I know enough about financial markets that, were I an elected official, I would never want to take credit for a good market because then I would have to take credit for a bad market. In addition, to assume that our market reflects the successes or failures of the politicians is something I cannot understand. Our stock market is only barely connected to the real world of the Philippines. Let me share with you the statistics, some of which I just made up, to prove my point.

There are only two people who would take a bullet in the heart to save the market—Franky and me. If the exchange were to close, about 2000 people would be out of work, less than Henry Sy hires during Christmas to handle the extra crowds. About 200,000 people (or less than one-third of one percent of our population) have active stock brokerage accounts. And 70 million Filipinos, rightly, could not care less about the Philippine Stock Exchange. So why do presidents around the world think and want you to think stock prices are important?

It is because in the corner of the screen during the broadcast of international television networks (like CNN, CNBC, and others) you will see, over and over 24 hours a days, the closing price of the Philippine Stock Exchange.

In a world of instant noodles, this allows people around the world (who also could not care less about our stock market) to know that we are still here. And if we are up, that means we must have had a good day politically, economically, socially, and with our hair. If the market is

ON THE MONEY/ B7

Philippine Stock Exchange

(As of Friday, March 2, 2001)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Bank of the Phil. Islands	69	69.5	69	69.5	175,700
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	54	54	52	52.5	322,400
Global Business Bank Inc.	70	74	70	74	2,600
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	217	220	217	220	39,820
Philippine National Bank	43.5	45	43.5	44	149,700
Union Bank of the Phil.	25	25	25	25	42,800
FINANCIAL SERVICE					
Bankard Inc.	1.6	1.6	1.56	1.56	170,000
Filipino Fund Inc.	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	260,000
First Metro Invest. Corp.	250	250	250	250	500
Manulife Financial Corp.	1280	1315	1280	1315	5,130
Sun Life Financial Serv.	1040	1055	1040	1055	8,870
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	47	47	46.5	46.5	18,800
Digital Telecom Phils. Inc.	0.62	0.65	0.62	0.63	10,630,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	700	725	700	725	2,290
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.048	0.048	0.046	0.048	500,000
Liberty Telecoms Holdings	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	4,230,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7	56,000
Piltel	0.62	0.66	0.62	0.65	2,730,000
Phil. Telegraph & Tel. Co.	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	100,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	790	800	780	795	117,520
Ivantage Corp.	1	1	1	1	120,000
Philweb.Com Inc.	0.065	0.0675	0.0625	0.0675	144,200,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	53	54	53	53.5	28,400
Manila Electric Co. B	60.5	63	60.5	62.5	1,286,400
Petron Corp.	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.78	5,223,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.08	1.12	1.08	1.12	209,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	1.16	1.24	1.16	1.24	5,860,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.6	0.6	0.52	0.55	690,000
William, Gothong & Aboitiz	2	2	2	2	370,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Union Cement Corp.	0.89	0.89	0.88	0.88	60,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Cosmos Bottling Corp.	2.65	2.65	2.65	2.65	5,000
Jollibee Foods Corp.	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	10,000
La Tondeña Distillers Inc.	37	37.5	37	37	89,400
RFM Corp.	1.22	1.3	1.22	1.28	453,000
San Miguel Corp. A	48.5	49	48.5	49	43,100
San Miguel Corp. B	57	57.5	57	57.5	192,300
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58	90,000
Ayala Corp.	7.5	7.6	7.5	7.6	1,228,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	1.58	1.6	1.58	1.58	470,000
Alliance Global Group Inc.	11.75	12	11.75	12	700
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.97	0.97	0.97	0.97	50,000
APC Group Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	100,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.006	0.0065	0.006	0.0065	41,000,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	50,000
ATN Holdings Inc.	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	20,000
Balabac Resources & Hldgs.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	20,000
Boulevard Holdings Inc.	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.24	20,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.15	5,767,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	110,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	0.51	0.54	0.51	0.54	270,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.38	1.42	1.38	1.42	399,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	23	23.75	23	23.5	292,300
Global Equities Inc.	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	100,000
Ionics Inc.	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.25	62,800
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	2.7	2.7	2.65	2.65	680,000
Macroasia Corp.	2	2	2	2	30,000
Marsteel Cons. Inc. B	0.014	0.014	0.014	0.014	100,000
Megaworld Corp.	0.89	0.9	0.88	0.9	3,320,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.42	0.42	0.42	0.42	990,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.59	0.59	0.59	0.59	4,950,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.66	0.71	0.66	0.71	810,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.36	120,000
Wellex Industries Inc.	0.45	0.46	0.45	0.46	30,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.29	0.3	410,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Corro-Coat Inc.	1.42	1.42	1.42	1.42	70,000
Metro Alliance Holdings	1	1	1	1	440,000
Macondray Plastics Inc.	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8	9,000
Musiq Corp.	2.95	3	2.95	3	373,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.81	0.82	0.81	0.82	290,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.13	500,000
Reynolds Philippine Corp.	0.15	0.15	0.13	0.13	650,000
Philippine Seven Corp.	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	4,000
Central Azucar Don Pedro	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	210,000
SPI Technologies Inc.	11.75	11.75	11.75	11.75	264,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICE					
Belle Corp.	0.59	0.6	0.59	0.6	1,090,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.64	0.67	0.64	0.65	2,470,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	0.66	0.67	0.64	0.64	1,730,000
Manila Jockey Club	18	18	18	18	20,000
Philippine Racing Club	4.3	4.6	4.3	4.6	11,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	47	47	46	46	445,400
DMCI Holdings, Inc.-Pref.	500	505	500	505	1,280
Equitable PCI Bank-War	3.75	3.75	3.6	3.7	255,000
Globe Telecom Hldg. (Pdr)	720	720	700	700	10,020
Omico Corp. Warrant	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	0.0032	65,000,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series Y	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	1,600
Waterfront Phils-Warrant	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	400,000
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	8	8	8	8	4,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	6.3	6.5	6.3	6.5	4,692,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.41	0.41	0.41	0.41	40,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.32	0.33	0.32	0.32	820,000
Cyber Bay Corp.	0.45	0.45	0.42	0.42	110,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.4	0.41	0.4	0.41	3,930,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	2.7	2.75	2.7	2.75	2,637,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	2.18	2.2	2.16	2.2	23,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	6.7	6.9	6.7	6.9	11,168,000
Universal Rightfield Prop.	0.12	0.12	0.115	0.115	730,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc B	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	2,000,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	2,000,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.0065	0.0065	0.006	0.006	21,000,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	27,000,000
Omico Corp.	0.0044	0.0046	0.0044	0.0044	75,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. B	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	2,000,000
OIL					
Imperial Res.	0.027	0.028	0.027	0.028	1,600,000
The Philodrill Corp. B	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.22	500,000
Pacifica	0.017	0.017	0.017	0.017	12,100,000

	SHARES	VALUE (P)
Banks & Fin Svc	1,177,520	62,215,620.00
Comm'l & Ind'l	312,962,310	318,131,500.00
PRO	24,150,000	116,738,380.00
Mining	129,000,000	1,131,300.00
OIL	14,200,000	360,400.00
GRAND TOTALS:	481,489,830	498,577,200.00
	AVERAGES	
Banks & Fin Svc	602.48	UP 4.40
Comm'l & Ind'l	2,179.50	UP 32.15
PRO	625.02	UP 18.42
Mining	1,338.64	UP 0.12
OIL	1.83	UNCH 0.00
All Shares Index	790.55	UP 16.65
Composite	1,596.97	UP 26.77

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CURRENCIES

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Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Foreign currency in US$	Foreign currency in Peso
United States	Dollar	1.075153	1.000000	48.3740
Japan	Yen	0.009157	0.008517	0.4120
United Kingdom	Pound	1.564563	1.455200	70.3938
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.137843	0.128208	6.2019
Switzerland	Franc	0.650938	0.605437	29.2874
Canada	Dollar	0.694544	0.645995	31.2494
Singapore	Dollar	0.615605	0.572574	27.6977
Australia	Dollar	0.565097	0.525597	25.4252
Bahrain	Dinar	2.852006	2.652651	128.3193
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.286684	0.266645	12.8987
Brunei	Dollar	0.614724	0.571755	27.6581
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000109	0.000101	0.0049
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Austria	Schilling	0.072673	0.067593	3.2697
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Italy	Lire	0.000516	0.000480	0.0232
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Eagleridge "B"	500,000	-
Evercrest golf club	-	150,000
Forest Hills "C"	-	450,000
Makati Sports Club, Inc.	-	500,000
Manila Golf (indv.)	14,500,000	15,000,000
Manila Southwoods "A"	850,000	900,000
Manila Southwoods "B"	950,000	-
Royale Tagaytay	Please Call	130,000
Sherwoods "B"	-	390,000
Sta. Elena	1,880,000	-
Subic Bay Yacht Club	-	350,000
Tagaytay Country Club	490,000	-
Tagaytay Highlands Golf & CC	1,200,000	-
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Calatagan Golf Club "A"	110,000	-
Calatagan Golf Club "B"	-	130,000
Camp John Hay	350,000	375,000
Canlubang	850,000	900,000
Canyonwoods	-	400,000
Capitol Hills	100,000	115,000
Cebu Country Club	2,000,000	2,200,000
Celebrity Sports Club	200,000	220,000
Club Filipino	300,000	330,000
Eagle Ridge "A"/"B"/"C"	Please Call	Please Call
Eastridge "A"	-	260,000
Evercrest "A"	-	110,000
Forest Hills "A"	260,000	275,000
Forest Hills "B"		290,000
Forest Hills "C"	-	450,000
Makati Sports Club "A"	400,000	450,000
Makati Sports Club "B"	-	500,000
Manila Golf (Corporate)	-	18,000,000
Manila Golf (Individual)	15,000,000	16,000,000
Manila Polo	3,200,000	-
Manila Southwoods "A"	850,000	950,000
Manila Southwoods "B"	950,000	-
Metropolitan Club "B"	-	200,000
Mimosa Golf & Country Club (Ind./Corp.)	Please Call	Please Call
Montemar (Corp.)	-	55,000
Montemar (Ind.)	-	30,000
Mt. Malarayat	400,000	450,000
Orchard Golf Club "A"	325,000	350,000
Orchard Golf Club "B"	430,000	450,000
Orchard Golf Club "C"	500,000	650,000
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Quezon City Sports Club	230,000	250,000
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Royale Tagaytay "A/B/C"	Please Call	Please Call
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Sta. Elena "A"	1,900,000	-
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Tagaytay Country Club	490,000	530,000
Tagaytay Highlands	1,100,000	-
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Canyon Woods	400,000.00	-
Celebrity Sports	Please Call	200,000.00
Eagleridge	Please Call	400,000.00
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Tagaytay Highlands	Please Call	1,200,000.00
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Baguio Country Club	800,000	Camp John Hay Golf	350,000
Camp John Hay Golf	340,000	Capitol Hills	120,000
Canlubang Golf	850,000	Celebrity	210,000
Capitol Hills	115,000	CC at Tagaytay Highland	500,000
Celebrity	205,000	Eagle Ridge A & C**	570,000**
CC at Tagaytay Highland	500,000	Forest Hills "A"/"B"/"C"**	260,000/260,000*/450,000**
Eagle Ridge A/C**	400,000		
Forest Hills A/B"/C"*	280,000		
Manila Golf (Indv.)	15,000,000	Manila Golf (Indv.)	16,000,000
Manila Golf (Cor.)	16,000,000	Manila Golf (Cor.)	18,000,000
Manila Polo	3,200,000	Manila Southwoods "A"/"B"	850,000/+1,000,000*
Manila Southwoods "A"	850,000		
Manila Southwoods "B"	950,000	Mt. Malarayat "A"/"C"	Pls. call
Mt. Malarayat "A"/"C"	Pls. call	Orchard "A"/"C"**	350,000/600,000**
Orchard "A"/"C"**	330,000	Quezon City Sports	250,000
Quezon City Sports	230,000	Riviera "A"	280,000/350,000*/600,000**
Riviera "A"	250,000	Sta. Elena A	2,100,000
Sta. Elena A/B*	2,000,000/2,200,000*	Sta. Elena B	2,380,000
Tagaytay Highland Club	500,000	Tagaytay Highland Club	500,000
Tagaytay Highland Golf	1,200,000	Tagaytay Midland	910,000
Tagaytay Midland	890,000	Valley Golf	350,000
Valley Golf	350,000	Wack Wack	Pls. call
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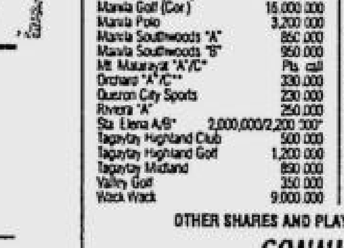

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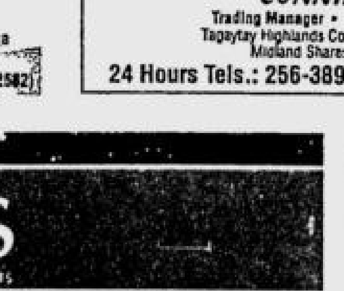

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3.	BAGUIO COUNTRY CLUB		750,000
4.	CALATAGAN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "A"	150,000	100,000
5.	CAMP JOHN HAY	400,000	320,000
6.	CANLUBANG GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB		850,000
7.	CAPITOL HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB	130,000	120,000
8.	CELEBRITY CLUB	220,000	200,000
9.	COUNTRY CLUB AT TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS		490,000
10.	CLUB FILIPINO	340,000	320,000
11.	EASTRIDGE GOLF CLUB "A"	250,000	220,000
12.	EAGLERIDGE GOLF CLUB "A"		400,000
13.	EVERCREST GOLF CLUB "A"	130,000	
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17.	FOREST HILLS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "C"	600,000	
18.	MAKATI SPORTS CLUB "A"	450,000	400,000
19.	MAKATI SPORTS CLUB "B"	500,000	
20.	MANILA GOLF CLUB (IND.)	15,500,000	
21.	MANILA POLO CLUB		2,600,000
22.	MANILA SOUTHWOODS GOLF CLUB "B"	1,000,000	900,000
23.	MANILA YACHT CLUB	650,000	
24.	METROPOLITAN CLUB "A"	190,000	170,000
25.	METROPOLITAN CLUB "B"	200,000	
26.	MT. MALARAYAT GOLF CLUB (IND.)	500,000	400,000
27.	MT MALARAYAT GOLF CLUB (CORP.)	900,000	
28.	ORCHARD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "A"	Pls. Call	280,000
29.	ORCHARD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "B"	Pls. Call	Pls. Call
30.	ORCHARD GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "C"	Pls. Call	Pls. Call
31.	QUEZON CITY SPORTS CLUB	250,000	
32.	RIVIERA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "A"	290,000	
33.	RIVIERA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB "C"	600,000	500,000
34.	ROYAL NORTHWOODS	Pls. Call	Pls. Call
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37.	SUBIC BAY YACHT CLUB (CORP)	600,000	
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39.	TAGAYTAY MIDLAND	950,000	
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San Miguel to nominate same set of directors

By Elena R. Torrijos

SAN Miguel Corp. is looking to nominate in the next stockholders meeting the same set of directors in its existing board, including the previous nominees of the Estrada administration.

In a preliminary proxy statement filed last week with the Securities and Exchange Commission, SMC was seeking proxies to re-elect ousted President Estrada's brother-in-law Raul de Guzman, and the four other Presidential Commission on Good Government-nominated directors, Alan Lopez Lee, Benjamin Paulino, Hermogenes Tantoco and Espiridion Laxa.

SMC, currently controlled by tycoon and SMC chair Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco Jr., also wanted to re-elect other current directors, including Cojuangco himself, SMC vice chair Ramon Ang, Manuel Cojuangco, lawyer Estelito Mendoza, Gabriel Villareal and Faustino Galang.

Social Security System chair Vitaliano Nanagas II and Government Service Insurance System president Winston Garcia, who earlier this year took over the posts of their predecessors who resigned following the recent change in government, were also included in the list of directors to be nominated.

Presidential legal adviser Avelino Cruz said that the Macapagal administration wanted to replace Cojuangco and the other directors nominated by the PCGG under the Estrada administration. Those being considered as SMC directors include former SSS Administrator Renato Valencia, banker Octavio Espiritu, former Presidential Security Group commander Leo Alvez, Hector Hofillena and Francis Fuentabella.

However, the government has reportedly missed a Jan. 30 deadline to be able to nominate its directors to the SMC board during the May 3 stockholders' meeting. The administration is said to have asked the SEC for leeway to push through with the new nominations.

Meanwhile, the SEC plans to ask SMC to ensure that the set of board directors it planned to nominate will include two independent directors.

Under the Securities Regulation Code, any publicly held corporation should have at least two independent directors, or a person other than an officer or employee of the corporation, its parent or subsidiaries, or any other individual having a relationship with the corporation that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibility of a director.

On The Money

(From page B6)

down, well, what do you expect, it's the Philippines after all.

Now that is not to say that the economic and political policies of this or any administration will not be reflected in stock prices. Of course it will, but only in the long run and depending on how individual companies deal with those pollicies. However, on a day to day or even week to week basis, President Macapagal-Arroyo will have less to do with stock prices than the weather. Listen to this (and I DID NOT make this up). Over a one hundred year period, from 1890 to 1990, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was plotted against the daily weather in New York City. The stock market was almost twice as likely to go down on days when there was rain or snow as on those days when the weather was clear and sunny. And the weather was nice last Friday when our market went up 26 points wasn't it?

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P4,500.00 to P4,999.99	P56.25	P56.25
P5,000.00 toP5,499.99	P62.50	P62.50
P5,500.00 to P5,999.99	P68.75	P68.75
P6,000.00 to P6,499.99	P75.00	P75.00
P6,500.00 to P6,999.99	P81.25	P81.25
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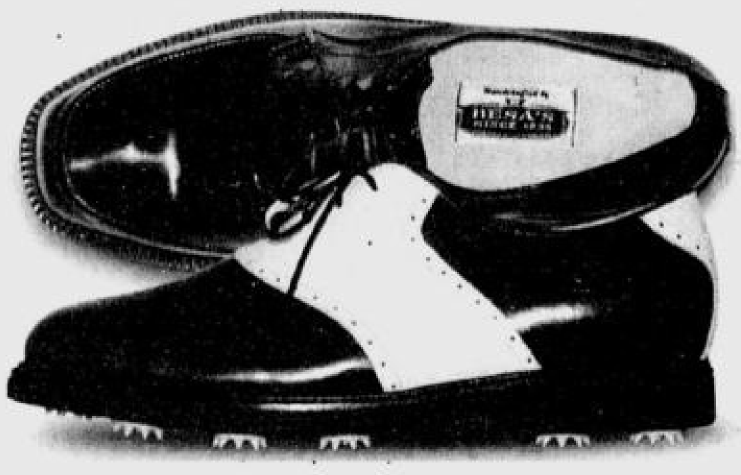

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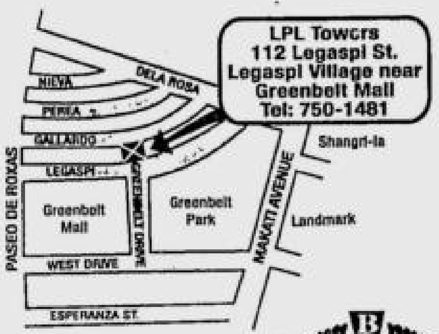

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Singapore Bangkok KL			50% OFF	75% OFF	FREE					
Tokyo/Sydney				50% OFF	75% OFF	FREE				
San Francisco/LA					50% OFF	75% OFF	FREE			
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Rate hike delay threatens Meralco investment program

By Ronnel W. Domingo

THE LOPEZ-OWNED Manila Electric Co.'s five-year, P53.50-billion capital expenditures program may not be fully realized due to delays in the approval of its petition for a 30-centavo-per-kilowatthour rate increase.

Meralco's capex program, covering the period from 2000 to 2004, is aimed primarily at ensuring adequacy and reliability of its system and reducing system losses.

Failing to raise enough funds, the power distribution giant had an actual capex of P7.7 billion in 2000. Under the five-year program, it was supposed to spend P8.3 billion for that year.

Meralco planned to allocate P11.4 billion this year, but it anticipates to spend only P8.2 billion.

Highlight of the five-year program include:

- Development of 39 new substations, expansion of 32 existing substations and acquisition of 10 Napocor substations, located within Meralco's service areas, to serve future loads.
- Installation of 401 MVAR substation capacitors to improve voltage regulation and power factor.
- Construction of 24 new transmission lines, rebuilding of 13 existing transmission lines and acquisition of four Napocor transmission lines within Meralco's service areas.
- Construction of 397 new primary distribution lines.
- Installation of telecommunications and supervisory control and data acquisition equipment for monitoring and control of the operation Meralco's distribution system.

Meralco's application for a rate increase was filed before the Energy Regulatory Board last April. The ERB has yet to make a decision following strong opposition against it.

The Office of the Solicitor General has asked the ERB to suspend the proceedings on Meralco's petition since "the issues involved are still pending with the Supreme Court."

The OSG objected to Meralco's treatment of income tax as expense in computing its return on rate base and the system it used in computing its asset base.

In a 1998 decision concerning another rate increase petition, the ERB ruled that Meralco could not claim income tax as an operating expense. Thus, Meralco was entitled to a rate adjustment of only 1.7 centavos per kwh instead of the 18.4 centavos per kwh the ERB provisionally approved.

The ERB also ordered Meralco to refund its customers P10.8 billion in excess charges it collected over a four-year period.

Meralco appealed the decision where the Court of Appeals ruled in its favor. The ERB, through the OSG, elevated the case to the Supreme Court, which has yet to make a ruling.

ALCATEL ASPAC PRESIDENT IN MANILA

Alcatel Asia Pacific president Ron Spithill (left) recently visited the Philippines and discussed the voice and data telecommunications firm's plans for the Asia-Pacific region and the Philippines in a press luncheon at the Shangri-La Hotel in Makati. Spithill, along with Alcatel in the Philippines president Buddy Gomez (right), expressed confidence in the market in the Asia-Pacific region and in the Philippines.

GMA-7 reports ₱2.8B in sales; sees 15% revenue jump this year

By Anthony O. Alcantara

GMA Network Inc. has reported P2.8 billion in sales and a net income of P180 million in 2000 as a result of continued spending on advertising by companies despite economic difficulties.

GMA-7 president Felipe Gozon said the sales target for this year would be P3.2 billion as the company taps a new source of capital for its operations through the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. group.

Mediaquest Holdings Inc., a subsidiary of PLDT's beneficial trust fund, signed on Feb. 7 a memorandum of understanding with GMA 7 for the purchase of 66.67 percent of the TV network for approximately P8.5 billion.

Gozon, however, did not give the comparative figures for 1999 and the projected net income of GMA-7 for this year.

On top of the P1 billion that PLDT committed to GMA-7 for capital expenditure this year, the TV network will infuse an additional P500 million to P1 billion for its operations and expansion, he said.

Meanwhile, Mediaquest has shortlisted three possible foreign partners for its purchase of the majority stake in GMA-7. PLDT president Manuel V. Pangilinan recently said Mediaquest would soon finalize the funding for the acquisition.

"We have met some of them in Hong Kong over the past few weeks," said Pangilinan. He declined to identify them.

The PLDT group hoped to get at most half of the acquisition price of P8.5 billion from these prospective investors.

These strategic investors, together with ePDLT, the principal corporate vehicle for PLDT's Internet, e-commerce and multimedia businesses, will maintain their economic interest in GMA through the issuance of Phil-

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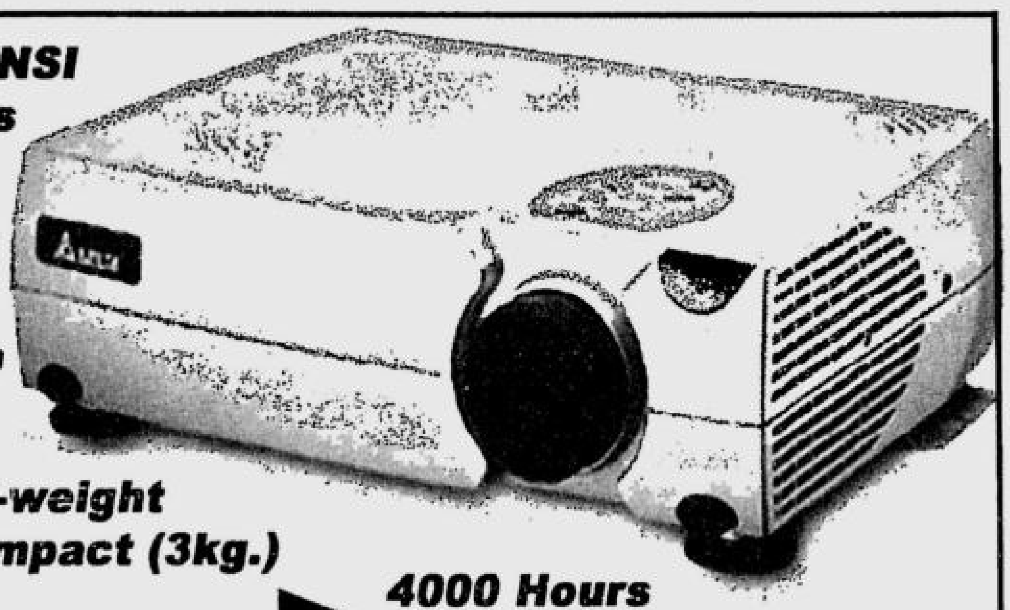

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Purefoods-Hormel building ₱1.3-B plant

By Christine A. Gaylican

PUREFOODS-HORMEL Co., a joint venture between the Ayalas' food manufacturing arm and Hormel Foods Corp. of the US, is investing about P1.35 billion to build a new meat processing plant in Alaminos, Laguna.

Company president Francisco Alejo said the new plant, which is targeted for completion by mid-2002, will double the firm's production capacity.

The construction of a new meat processing facility forms part of Purefoods Corp.'s P1.6-billion capital expenditure program for this year. The balance will be used for maintenance and acquisition of spare parts for its plants.

"The completion of the new plant next year is expected to boost the company's sales which, last year, hit P5.5 billion," Alejo said.

Alejo said the company had projected a 10- to 15-percent increase in its sales this year. The target, however, might be changed because of the impact on the market of the mad cow scare.

Purefoods-Hormel said that the cut in its growth target would likely be no more than 10 percent.

"At the moment, we are not yet directly hit (by the mad cow scare) but we expect that there could also be slowdown in our sales this quarter," Alejo told the INQUIRER.

Purefoods-Hormel Co., a company official said, had anticipated the recurrence of the mad cow scare caused by Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)—a disease peculiar to cattle that hit major cattle producing countries in Europe. This prompted the company to start importing beef products from Australia.

Alejo noted that the mad cow scare coincided with the lean sales months of January to February that followed the meat-buying binge in the months of November to December.

Purefoods-Hormel assured the public that the company has not been using beef products from Europe. He said the company has been importing 100 percent of its beef requirements for its canned beef products from Australia and buffalo meat (for hotdogs and sausages) from Sri Lanka.

Meantime, the company had to put up a new meat processing facility to sustain strong demand growth for its food products. Its Marikina plant, alone, could no longer meet the demand.

The company opted to put up the new facility outside Metro Manila to minimize the cost.

Gov't seen issuing ₱20B in bonds

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE DEPARTMENT of Finance is seriously considering First Metro Investment Corp.'s proposal to issue P20 billion worth of bonds that will mature in two to five years.

National Treasurer Sergio Edeza Jr. said in an interview Friday that finance officials were evaluating First Metro Investment's offer to undertake the issuance of "zero coupon bonds" given the government's need for cash to pare down a budget deficit expected to hit P225 billion by year's end.

First Metro Investment is a subsidiary of Metropolitan Bank and Trust Co., the country's second-biggest lender. Edeza was a senior vice president of this bank before he was appointed as national treasurer.

"It's discounted and there will be no amortization, no interest payments, but instead of getting P1 million, for example, we will get less than that," Edeza said, explaining the bonds.

First Metro Investment informed the finance department that there was a demand for medium-term instruments among preneed and insurance firms. It proposed maturities of two, five and seven years.

"We believe this proposed zero-coupon-bond program will allow the Republic of the Philippines to achieve its fund-raising activities while meeting the investment needs of the broader market," First Metro Investment president Francisco Sebastian said in a Feb. 15 letter to Finance Secretary Alberto Romulo.

Sebastian said the market could easily absorb up to P20 billion of these bonds.

"We believe there is a market for it," he said.

Edeza said should the government take on First Metro Investment's proposal, the maturities would likely be between two and five years since it remained expensive to issue debt instruments longer than five years.

On bringing down government costs, Edeza said he would ask the Commission on Audit to allow the Treasury to purchase dollar forwards and hedge its foreign obligations.

He said he would try to hedge a portion of the country's P1.088 trillion worth of debts, particularly those maturing in two to three years, to create a "currency neutral position."

"We will ask COA what hedging mechanisms we can use. BSP does forwards so I don't think there should be any difference," he said.

Edeza said, meanwhile, that treasury bill rates should stay near to current levels following the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' decision on Thursday to hold on to its key rates.

"I do not expect rates to fall, but there is still about P160 billion in excess liquidity in the market, which should be favorable to the government," he said.

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ippine Depository Receipts (PDRs).

Under the Philippine Constitution, broadcast companies must be 100-percent Filipino-owned. However, PDRs provide a way to tap foreign funding without violating this rule.

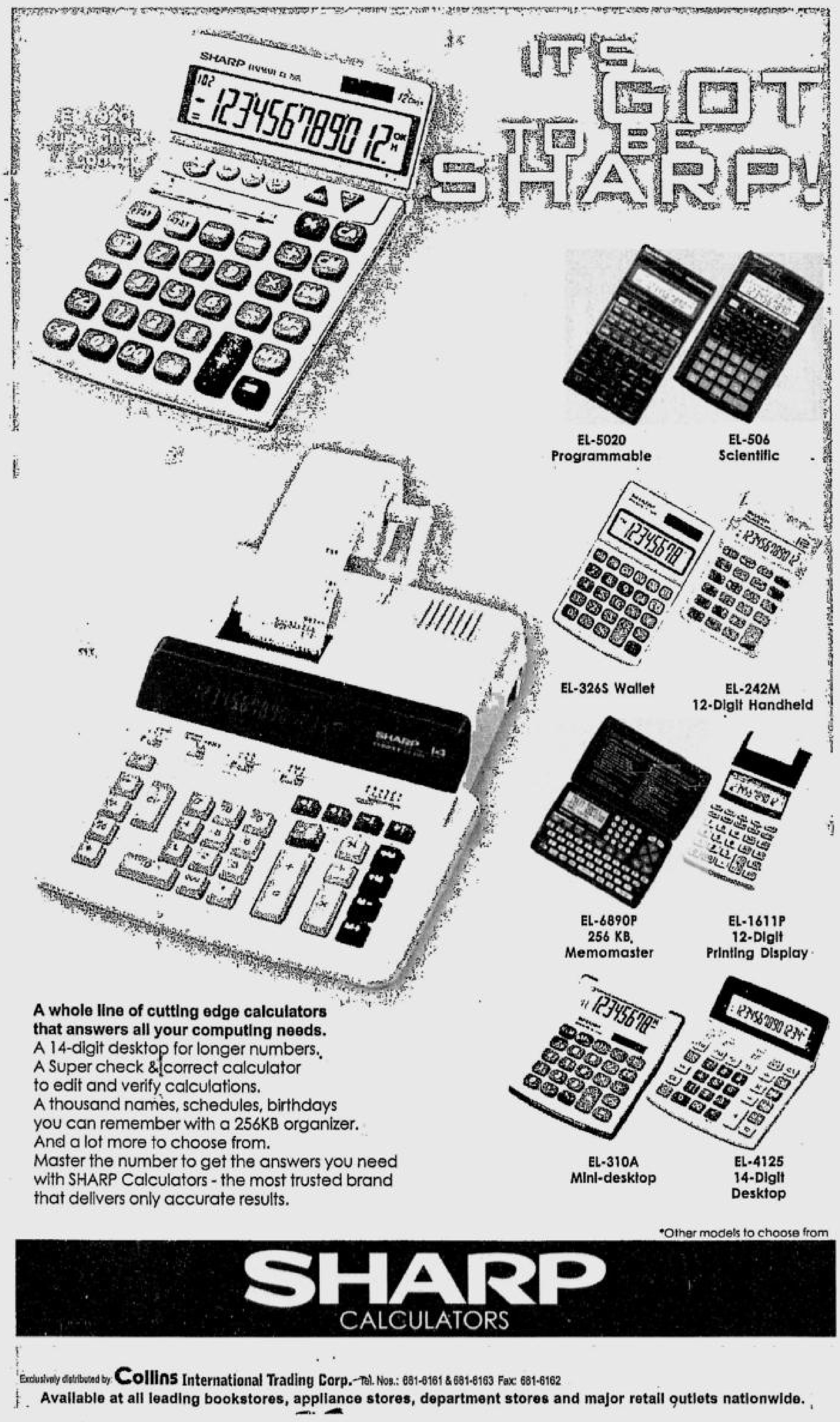
Pangilinan also said the PLDT group wanted to get a partner that had access to content for convergence initiatives. He also said the actual due diligence on GMA-7 by the PLDT group would start this week.

The PLDT group also revived negotiations on the possible acquisition of a direct-to-home video company in order to firm up its hold in the broadcast business. Pangilinan said PLDT hoped to launch the DTH service before the elections.

However, the telecom giant has yet to decide on whether to acquire an existing DTH licensee, apply for a license from the National Telecommunications Commission, or from a joint venture with a DTH licensee.

DTH is essentially a video and data service using satellite technology. It is an alternative to the traditional coaxial cable of cable TV and it uses setup boxes and small satellite dishes to make the system work.

The technology is also ideal for high speed Internet access specially for people in the provinces or where traditional coaxial cable is not available.



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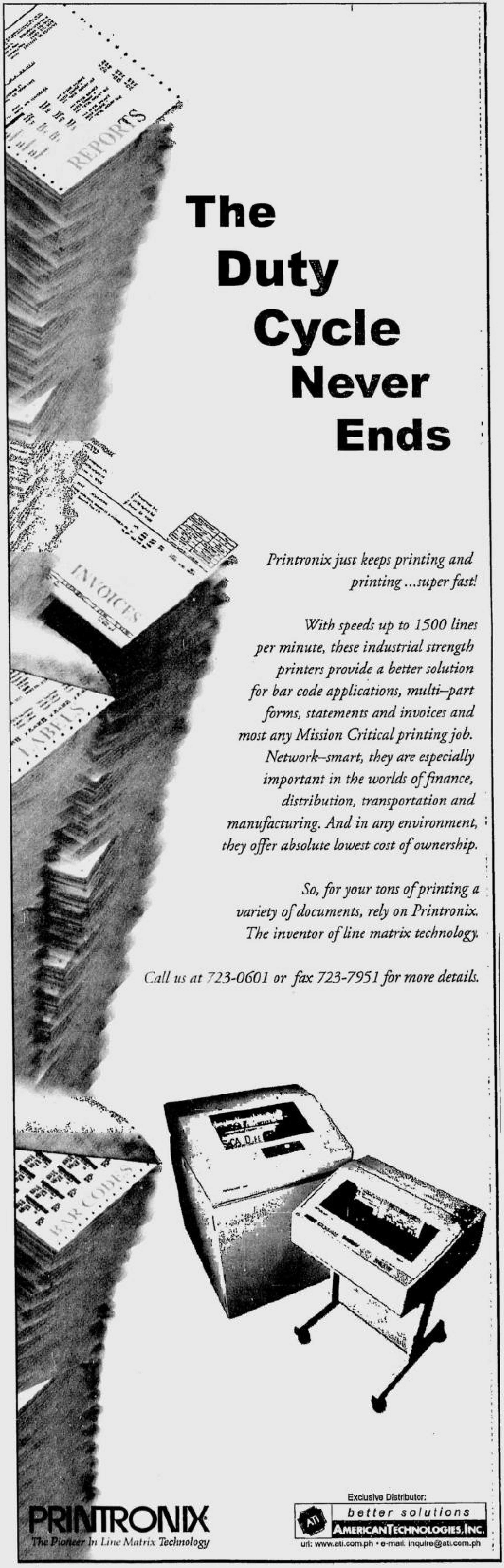

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JG Summit revives plan to build naphtha cracker

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

TAIPAN John Gokongwei has dusted off JG Summit Petrochemical Corp.'s plan to build the country's first naphtha cracker plant in view of the continuing indecision of a government-led consortium to build this key petrochemical facility.

The Board of Investments has approved Gokongwei's petition to keep active JG Summit's registration for its $600-million naphtha cracker project approved three years ago.

BOI executive director Elmer Hernandez said JG Summit merely wanted to keep its options open in case the government-led consortium's plan to build a naphtha cracker would not push through. The BOI allows an extension of a registered project's implementation period on a case-to-case basis.

"We think it's justifiable to keep their project on stand-by. The country really needs this project to ensure the long-term competitiveness not only of the petrochemical industry but also other industries dependent on plastics," Hernandez said. "But is does not preclude other companies from applying for incentives to build the same project."

Hernandez said the naphtha cracker—which produces the monomer used as base material of plastic resin makers—has to be set up by 2004 when a shortage in plastic raw materials is expected to set in across the region. The Philippines is the only one among the Asean 4 without a naphtha cracker and has remained totally dependent on international sources.

Hernandez said JG Summit was just being practical because it did not want to get through the same process of getting approval of its project for incentives.

JG Summit deferred its plan to build a naphtha cracker in 1999 due to the Asian financial crisis and the government's policy to support the establishment of only one naphtha cracker (with a capacity of 350,000 to 500,000 metric tons a year). The government believed one cracker is enough to meet current and future demand of the industry. This is also expected to ensure the project's viability.

But after two years, the state-owned PNOC Petrochemical Development Corp. (PPDC) has yet to firm up an equity sharing arrangement in the consortium as well as the design, implementation and financing for the project. As of last week, PPDC was still looking for a financial adviser for the naphtha cracker project (where it would get a 34-percent share) and its feasibility study has yet to be completed.

The private participants—led by the Petrochemical Corp. of Asia and Pacific—have been bickering over several issues, from equity sharing to production capacity to plant location. JG Summit has been reluctant to join the consortium without a pricing parity because its peers wanted to put up the plant in Bataan which would put it a cost disadvantage since its polyethylene and polypropylene plants operations are in Batangas.

During the Estrada administration, the private sector blamed the political crisis for the delays in signing a definitive shareholders' agreement for the project but economic managers hit back by daring them to prove that they have the finances to carry out the project.

Trade Secretary Manuel A. Roxas II had promised the industry that the DTI would lobby for the exemption of the petrochemical industry from the mandatory cut in tariffs to 5 percent and below by 2003 under the Asean Free Trade Area for up to 10 years.

Subic undertakes 10 infra projects

SUBIC BAY FREEPORT—The Subic Bay Freeport is undergoing a massive facelift, with at least 10 infrastructure development projects worth P938.47 million in full swing.

Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority Chair Felicito Payumo said the projects were in line with efforts to "improve or build facilities that will make Subic the engine of growth for Central Luzon and ultimately for the country."

The projects, most of which began in the past six months, have generated jobs for more than 500 workers.

The biggest of these projects is the P533-million Rizal Argonaut Highway widening and extension project. The World Bank-assisted project entails the extension of the 2.4-km Rizal Highway into a 9.8-km road and the widening and extension of the Argonaut Road into a four-lane highway along a 2-km new road section of the existing Subic-Tipo Expressway.

The Rizal Highway is the freeport's main artery leading to its industrial areas.

Payumo said this would make Subic "the only economic zone where the air and sea ports are connected by an internal artery" and directly linked to a major highway—the proposed Subic-Clark-Tarlac toll road.

He said this would facilitate the transport of cargo "right on the doorstep of Subic's ports . . . and give our own locators the mobility, the agility needed to get their goods to the market just in time."

The road project, as well as the 94-km Subic-Clark-Tarlac tollway, which has been endorsed to Japan's Obuchi Fund for financing, is intended to complement the $215-million (P10.32 billion) port development plan.

The project contractors, A.M. Oreta & Co. Inc. and IPM Construction & Development Corp., have mobilized 300 workers. Their target completion date is November this year.

Two major infrastructure projects are underway at the Subic Bay International Airport (SBIA). These are the P50-million lighting enhancement project and the P39.97-million runway pavement rehabilitation project.

Payumo said the airport upgrading and expansion projects were designed to meet the requirements of Federal Express, which is expanding its Asia-Pacific fleet from 12 to 20 planes.

FedEx, which opened its Asia-Pacific hub at the SBIA in 1995, has decided to bankroll the lighting enhancement project, originally lined up for World Bank funding.

The project consists of the installation of centerline and touchdown zone lights and the extension of approach lights by 600 meters over the main runway.

Some 50 workers of the United Technologies Inc. and the Pentagon Industrial Corp. are now working on the runway pavement rehabilitation project.

The project requires upgrading of the cement and asphalt portions of the main runway and extending the smaller runway by another 700 meters for a total length of 1,400 meters.

The rehabilitation and upgrading of the P80-million Subic landfill has begun through the funding from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation. *Elizabeth Marcelo, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Hope for Mindanao's food farmers

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Marriz Agbon

A WELCOME atmosphere charged highly with hope and optimism best described the 3rd Mindanao Food Congress held on Feb. 20 to 22 in Butuan City.

Mindanao farmers and agri-entrepreneurs traveled from all parts of the island to converge in the premier city of eastern Mindanao with a heads-up attitude toward the dawning of a new day in the Philippine political landscape.

An annual event of the Mindanao Business Council, this time organized by the Caraga Council for Economic Development Foundation, the congress was the first meeting of Mindanao's food producers. processors and traders with the new President Macapagal-Arroyo. At the start of the event, congress speaker Luis Lorenzo Jr. of Lapanday Holdings, aptly summed up what I felt underscored the delegates' sentiments when he said: "I see a mirror of my own sentiments—I sense the mingled emotions of hope and anxiety. Hope, because we have a new administration that seeks to understand our people and their needs in Mindanao; anxiety, because of the risks, threats, and difficulties inherent in our business, specifically in food and agriculture, thus making us unsure of what fate lies ahead for our Mindanaoan farmers and agriculture entrepreneurs. Most importantly, we have yet to actualize the decades-old expectation of Mindanao as the land of promise. After all these years, the question remains: When shall we see Mindanao as a promise fulfilled?"

In her response to the various resolutions presented to her at the end of the congress, President Macapagal-Arroyo prefaced her discussion by laying down three principles to guide the development of a national consensus for a Mindanao agenda:

- peace and development
- constitutionality, national sovereignty and territorial integrity
- social justice for all and institutionalized accommodation of ethnic traditions

With this as framework, the President reiterated the national government's direction in increasing efforts toward the realization of Mindanao as the Philippines' food basket.

"Mindanao to become not only the land of promise but the land where promises are fulfilled. To fulfill the promise, its best resources, its fertile lands, bountiful waters, and its hardworking people must be optimized toward agro-industrial development."

In her address, the President stressed that Mindanao's agriculture sector had to be market-oriented, with its resources "optimized" toward agro-industrial development, and with the proper linkages and infrastructure to move goods, people and information. There was a need, she said, to diversify and to build up the export sector, particularly in terms of value-added products.

All in all, it was a strong policy statement on agriculture and on Mindanao. She also responded to several resolutions passed at the food congress and formally presented to her by the Mindanao Business Council.

The first resolution was a request to ensure a functional irrigation program for Mindanao, which would include increasing irrigated areas by 200,000 hectares from 2000 to 2004, from the original 94,600.

Currently, it has the lowest rate of irrigation development among the regions.

In her response, the President directed the Department of Agriculture to take the lead in expanding irrigation hectarage, and to incorporate the cost of these projects in the budget planning for 2002.

She also requested the National Irrigation Administration, through the agriculture department, to fast-track the pilot testing of a 100-hectare pipe irrigation system, and to ensure the timely completion of projects like the Malmar Irrigation Project, which, the President commented, has been "terribly delayed."

Another resolution called for the improvement and expansion of existing post-harvest facilities. It asked the DA to prepare a thorough analysis of major grains routes, determine the farmers' post-harvest requirements, and consult the stakeholders on what projects to prioritize.

It also urged the DA to provide support to the private sector and farmers' groups in putting up grains centers and bulk handling facilities. It said that the government should ensure adequate power supply for ice plants servicing the fisheries sector.

President Macapagal-Arroyo responded by noting that there were already several development programs that have been or are being formulated for Mindanao, amounting to P30 billion. These, she said, were funded by several donor countries. Addressing the congress, the President commented: "Perhaps there's P30 billion but you don't feel it because it is not going to where it is most needed."

She thanked the congress participants for several resolutions urging the development of the region's agricultural marketing and logistics systems, food processing industries, and farm mechanization, as well as utilizing advances in science and technology.

The President said: "This is good not only for Mindanao. It is a good framework on how to achieve agricultural modernization, which is the cornerstone of our agricultural policy in the entire Philippines in this new administration."

She also responded to specific issues raised regarding the banana, coco oil, tuna, and tree crop industries.

In Mindanao, President Macapagal-Arroyo has "hit the ground running," as she said on the first day of her presidency. The region lags behind Luzon and the Visayas after decades of unequal distribution of national resources for development.

But now, the unprecedented number of Mindanaoans in her Cabinet, particularly in critical departments such as the DPWH and the DOTC—not to mention picking a Vice President from Mindanao who also heads the DFA portfolio—and her evident interest in the region, have raised expectations that the development gap is going to be narrowed at last.

(Marriz Agbon is the executive director of the Mindanao Business Council. He is also a trustee of the Cagayan de Oro Chamber of Commerce and Industry Foundation Inc.)

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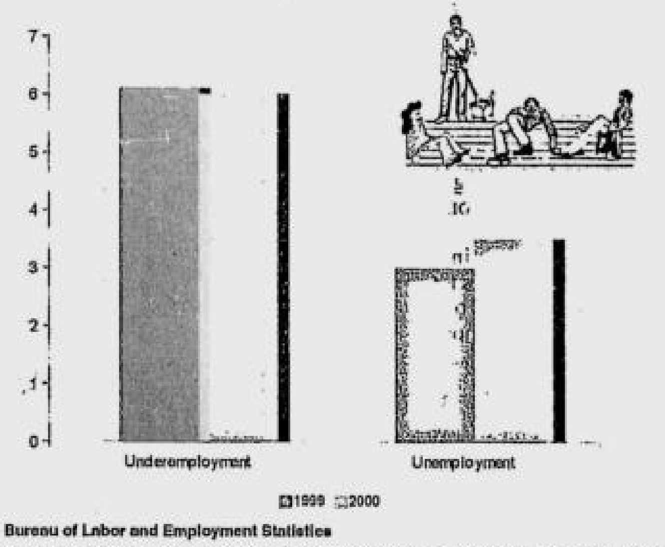

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The number of persons eligible to work or those 15 years old and above increased from 30.8 million in 1999 to 30.9 million in 2000. However the labor force participation rate fell from 66.4 to 64.9 percent. Despite the fall, the employment rate still fell by a whole percentage point in 2000. Last year's full year unemployment rate was 11.9 percent as compared to only 9.8 percent in 1999. Out of the country's fifteen regions, eight regions including NCR, Southern Tagalog, Central Luzon, Western and Eastern Visayas, posted double-digit unemployment rates.

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The Asian crisis pointed out the need to restructure domestic capital markets to be able to ensure sustainable growth in the region. The World Competitiveness Yearbook 2000 stressed that aside from being underdeveloped, ASEAN-5 capital markets are also viewed as risky, given the perception that insider trading is common in the markets, and that rights and responsibilities of shareholders (especially minority) are not well defined. Though there have been legislation to restructure markets, many economies still need further reform and redirection in this regard.

As Asian markets continue their restructuring process, efforts to include tenets of socially responsible investing as increasingly practiced in industrial countries should not be disregarded. Corporations and investors not only determine economic development, they do influence the manner in which investible funds are sourced, resource utilization, the natural and social environments, the quality of life of the people around them, and ultimately the future of the world.

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Greenspan wants to keep markets guessing

WASHINGTON—Federal Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan said Friday he wanted to keep the world guessing on the timing of US interest rate moves, leaving investors hungry for clues as to the Fed's next decision.

The powerful Fed chief dashed hopes of a quick rate cut two days ago when he said the Fed preferred to move at its scheduled meetings—a comment already-dejected investors took as a signal that the central bank would not change rates before its next meeting on March 20.

But Greenspan said Friday he had intended to keep the waters murky.

"I hope I was sufficiently ambiguous not to have indicated timing of when or if we would move," Greenspan told members of the House budget committee after testifying on tax cuts. "I hope I was adept at what we term 'Fedspeak' on that issue."

For weeks, analysts have been speculating whether the Fed will cut rates between regular meetings, as it did in January in response to an influx of reports painting a picture of a quickly deteriorating economy.

The Fed took markets by surprise when it lowered rates on Jan. 3 by a half-percentage point, a move followed by another half-point cut at its scheduled meeting in late January.

Most analysts believe yet another half-point rate cut is in the cards when the Fed meets on March 20, which would bring the key federal funds rate to 5 percent.

Greenspan, who said US economic growth had just about stalled, did not offer any comments on Friday to sway investors from thinking the Fed would act aggressively, noting that inflation was "very well-contained" and calling recent reports of rising prices a "blip" not supported by other data.

A significant inflation threat could keep the Fed from cutting interest rates. Financial markets largely shrugged off Greenspan's latest comments in mixed trading.

Greenspan rebuffed criticism that the Fed responded too slowly to signs that the economy was abruptly downshifting, saying a premature move could have led to a deeper economic malaise.

"Had we moved too soon, we would have altered the path of adjustment and conceivably created a higher level of economic activity than we are currently seeing, inducing far greater imbalances and a far greater correction of adjustment than we are seeing at the moment," he said.

In a testimony that focused on fiscal policy, Greenspan repeated his support for tax cuts but warned lawmakers against abandoning fiscal discipline, which could tip the country back into deficits.

His testimony largely mirrored remarks he delivered to a Senate panel in late January that had ruffled political feathers. That testimony irked Democrats who viewed it as an abrupt about-face from Greenspan's prior stance that debt reduction should be the key fiscal policy goal—a shift they saw weakening their arguments against President George W. Bush's $1.6-trillion tax cut proposal.

Greenspan called the potential for completely paying off the federal debt "a major achievement," warning, however, that the chances of a return to budget deficits as a result of poor fiscal policy were "not negligible."

But despite economic weakness, government receipts should be well-maintained in the near-term, he said. He then reiterated that it was better to devote surplus dollars to tax cuts rather than a congressional spending spree.

"It is far better, in my judgment, that the surpluses be lowered by tax reductions than by spending increases," the Fed chair said. He also indicated that he felt there was some urgency to make a decision about this with budget surpluses piling up.

"Without policy changes, private asset accumulation is likely to begin in just a few short years," he said, warning that such an accumulation by government could distort financial markets.

Greenspan's testimony came as Bush tours the nation to sell his $1.6-trillion tax cut proposal.

Although the powerful Fed chief has not backed a specific tax package, his comments in late January irritated Democratic lawmakers who had used Greenspan's previous words about the importance of paying down the debt to back their arguments that large tax cuts could harm the world's largest economy.

Greenspan, however, argued that his comments were not a reversal in opinion but were instead based on projections of ever-increasing budget surpluses and the potential to pay off the government's debt earlier than had been expected before.

The potential for an early debt payoff, he said, created the likelihood the government would begin accumulating private assets, which could create "costly" market distortions.

Greenspan, straying into political waters, warned that it was possible the projected surpluses might not materialize and said the use of a "trigger"—a mechanism to specify a point at which tax cuts would be reeled in if the forecasts proved too optimistic—might be a good idea. *Reuters*

No end in sight as more firms issue warnings

NEW YORK—From Oracle in Silicon Valley to Kenneth Cole in New York, last week brought a new torrent of warnings of disappointing results ahead from US corporations.

Some 570 companies so far have put out first quarter forecasts, and more than two-thirds, or 384, have warned of lower-than-expected earnings, according to market research firm First Call/Thomson Financial.

The battered technology sector is even harder hit. Out of the 104 technology companies that have put out first quarter forecasts, 73 percent, or 76, have been negative.

Leading the pack this week were Oracle Corp., the world's No. 2 software company, which caught markets by surprise when it warned late Thursday that it would miss Wall Street's first quarter expectations.

Even though the last quarter was considered grim, the number of warnings this quarter was 60 percent higher than three months ago, when 241 companies warned. And the warnings tally was more than six times the number a year ago, when the US economy was the envy of the world.

Those days are over as a slowing economy is hurting demand for goods and services. Partly to blame for the skyrocketing number of warnings this year is Regulation FD, a new law that requires companies to widely disseminate material information about their business prospects.

Of the 122 S&P 500 companies that have issued forecasts, 89 of them have been negative.

Profit or sales warnings this week include No. 2 direct seller of personal computers Gateway Inc., No. 2 US local telephone company SBC Communications Inc., No. 1 maker of computer chips for mobile phones Texas Instruments Inc., consumer products maker Procter & Gamble Co., sixth largest US airline US Airways, networking equipment maker 3Com Corp., sports shoe and apparel maker Nike Inc., maker of fiber optic-based products Avanex Corp., retail firm Gap Inc., and shoe and apparel retailer Kenneth Cole Productions Inc. *Reuters*

US consumer sentiment falls to 5-year low

NEW YORK—A key measure of US consumer sentiment tumbled to its lowest level in nearly five years in February, piling up losses over the past three months not seen since the last recession, a report on Friday said.

The University of Michigan's final February consumer sentiment index fell to 90.6, last seen in May 1996, from a final January reading of 94.7. Its 17-point fall over the December-February period was the sharpest since the three months ended October 1990.

While the final Michigan series bounced slightly from their mid-month lows—the preliminary sentiment figure reported two weeks ago hit a level not seen since November 1993—analysts cautioned that sentiment remained on a downward trend.

"These data clearly show consumer attitudes at recessionary levels," said Steven Wood, an economist at FinancialOxygen, a Walnut Creek, California-based financial information firm.

Federal Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan has recently cited consumer confidence as crucial to determining if and when the economy would slip from slumping growth into recession.

Greenspan also said he was closely monitoring consumer spending, which represents two-thirds of overall economic activity, given that the sharp drop-off in sentiment had yet to turn up in Americans' spending habits.

Michigan's February current conditions barometer, which measures how consumers feel about their present financial picture, fell to 105.8 from 107.7 in January.

While that also represented a slight bump up from the preliminary reading of 103.7, the three-month drop in current conditions was the largest since December 1991.

The expectations index for February—which looks to how consumers feel about the twelve months ahead—fell to 80.8 from 86.4 in January, but up slightly from its mid-month reading of 77.6.

Joseph LaVorgna, an economist at Deutsche Bank Securities, said the upward revision from the mid-month Michigan series "doesn't make any sense" given the sharp drop-off in the major US stock indexes to two-year lows and no interest rate cuts in the meantime from the Federal Reserve.

"Consumer confidence is still down. Forget what the preliminary number looked like. The trend is down and it's going to continue to go down," LaVorgna said.

Earlier this week, New York research firm The Conference Board reported similar data on sentiment. Its consumer confidence barometer, published monthly, fell for the fifth straight month to 106.8—not seen in more than four and a half years—from a revised 115.7 reading in January. *Reuters*

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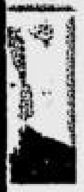

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Through the efforts of exemplary companies like CMG of Australia and of determined individuals like CMG's top sales performers, the financial services industry will undoubtedly attain its desired goals as the nation rushes headlong to a bright and prosperous future.

I would like to extend my best wishes to CMG and its Year 2000 top sales performers. May your fervor for excellence serve as an inspiration to colleagues in the industry.

Congratulations and *mabuhay!*

GLORIA MACAPAGAL ARROYO
President of the Philippines

I extend my warmest congratulations to the men and women who will be honored for their exemplary service and performance--CMG's Year 2000 top sales performers.

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Keep up the good work and always keep the needs of your many customers foremost in your minds.

Again to all the winners, my best wishes and congratulations.

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The CMG Annual Awards has always been an event that I look forward to with much enthusiasm.

This is the perfect opportunity to show our appreciation to you, the great men and women of CMG. You have dedicated your time, effort and exceptional skills to propagate the real meaning of caring for one's family through financial protection and security.

Tonight, at the Grand Ballroom of the Westin Philippine Plaza, a night of celebration and recognition awaits you, CMG's Year 2000 top sales performers. This is our way of expressing our wholehearted gratitude for a year of hard work and excellent sales performance.

Congratulations to all of you and may you continue to maintain the standard of excellence you have shown throughout your careers.

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Died in the Grace of our Lord
on February 27, 2001 in East Amherst, New York.

His wife **Betty Fabros Calderon** (†); children **Lilia** & **Leopoldo Clemente**, **Norma** & **Alvin Panahon M.D.**, **Jose Jr.** & **Sylvia Fernandez**, **Erlinda** & **Lysander Canlas**, **Ma. Teresa** & **Gul Chotrani**, **Philip** & **Nedy Dungao**, **Ma. Victoria** & **Rahmat Loghmanieh**; grandchildren **A.J.** and **Chip Panahon**, **Bettina** & **Geoffrey Burker**, **Cheryl** & **Jeff Okamura**, **Elissa**, **Lorenzo** and **Elenna Canlas**, **Christine** and **JJ Duque**, **Chloe Chotrani**, **Joey**, **Caroline** and **Emilio Calderon**, **Amir** and **Nina Loghmanieh**; great grandchild **Jessica Duque**; brothers **Cicero** and **Amado Calderon**; sisters **Caridad Puzon** (†) and **Daphne Arnobit**; nephews and nieces, other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for his eternal repose.

His remains will lie in state at Ellinwood Malate Church, 1660 Antonio Vasquez Street, Metro Manila from March 6 to March 9, 2001.

Interment will be on Friday, March 9, 2001 at Manila Memorial Park, Parañaque, Metro Manila, after the 9:30 a.m. Funeral Church Service at Elinwood Malate Church.

Victor Dy-Reyes Catangui, MD, LLB

Former Vice Mayor of Iriga City
Former Provincial Atty. of Camarines Sur

Peacefully joined his Creator on March 2, 2001 at the age of 47.

His bereaved wife **Cynthia**; children **Lourdes**, **Peñafrancia**, **Vina**, **Victoria** and **Victor Joseph**; parents **Dr. Josefin** and **Lourdes Catangui**; brothers and sisters **Antonio** and **Cecilia Cruz**, **Ma. Cristina** and **Ricardo Doria**, **Josefino Jr.** and **Meriam Serrano**, **Peñafrancia** and **Emilio Cano III**, **Meliza**; in-laws, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at the family residence in Iriga City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, March 7, 2001 at Iriga City Cemetery after the 2:00 p.m. Mass at the St. Anthony of Padua Parish Church.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."
Psalm 116:15

Felisa Sadang Vda. de Matubis

Of Iriga City and Marulas, Valenzuela City peacefully joined her Creator on March 3, 2001 at the age of 83.

She is survived by her sisters **Marly** and **Carmen**; and her children **Judi** and family, **Jess** & **Lulu** and family, **Jocelyn** & **Tibbs** and family, **Joel** & **Ging** and family, **Jacob** & **Rowena** and family, **Jojo** & **Eric** and family, **Janice** & **David** and family, **Jasper** & **Ruth** and family.

Her body lies in state at the Garden Suite, Loyola Memorial Chapel, Guadalupe, Makati City.

Interment is tentatively scheduled on March 9, 2001 at the Eternal Gardens, Novaliches, Quezon City.

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

TOMAS H. LIAO

Who passed away in the Grace of our Lord
on February 25, 2001

wish to express our heartfelt gratitude and sincerest appreciation to all those who offered Masses and Prayers, sent flowers and message of sympathy and who in countless ways, condoled with and comforted us in our hour of bereavement.

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

Atty. Rafael S. Lucila

sincerely express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to those who shared our pain and sorrow and to all those who visited and kept vigil, offered Masses and prayers, sent flowers and attended the funeral rites and condoled with us in our moment of bereavement.

Your concern and kindness at a time of immeasurable sorrow for our family eased the pain of our loss and the enormity of our grief.

ROBERTO "BOBBY" ALAMEDA

OF APARRI CAGAYAN

Died in the Grace of our Lord in Hemet, California on February 15, 2001.
He was 48 years old.

His bereaved parents **Atty. Socrates (Cating) Alameda** and **Maria "Yiying" Mato**; sisters **Christina**, **Amelia** and **Ruby**; brothers **Gerardo** (>) **Virgilio**, **Elmo** and **Marlon**; brother-in-law **Ariel**; sisters-in-law **Filomena**, **Virginia** and **Evelyn**; nieces, nephews and relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains was arrived from the U.S. last Saturday, March 3, 2001 and lie in state at the Loyola Mortuary Chapels, Guadalupe, Makati City.

Cremation is scheduled on Wednesday, March 7, 2001, 3:00 p.m. at Loyola Mortuary Chapels.

"Eternal life will swallow up that which can die. God made us for this very reason and He has given us the Spirit as a guarantee that we will live again.

2 Cor. 5:4-5

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2 Cor. 4:14

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THE PHILIPPINE American Life and General Insurance Company (Philamlife), the largest and most diversified life insurance in the Philippines, will hold its annual National Recognition Program from March 8 to 10 at the Westin Philippine Plaza.

Titled "1: One Company, One Family, One Destiny," the agency recognition program will be a gathering of outstanding performers of the agency force, as well as the company's key executives.

The event aims to acknowledge the importance of its agency force, to pay tribute to its deserving agents who have continually kept the company number one, and to show appreciation to the people who have dedicated and committed themselves to uphold the company's standards of sales excellence.

The highlight of the program is the recognition of the agency leaders and career agents who satisfied the production requirements of the 2001 Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT), Premier Agents Club, Associates of the Year and other special honor clubs.

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DBP Development Bank of the Philippines

INVITATION TO BID

The Development Bank of the Philippines invites prospective bidders for the:

Supply/provision/implementation of one (1) lot Software and Services for DBP's Trade Finance and Remittance System

Prospective bidders are required to attend the pre-bid conference on March 12, 2001 at the Procurement Services Division, PMU/PSM, 6th Floor, DBP Head Office, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue corner Makati Avenue, Makati City at 1:30 p.m. Only bidders present at the pre-bid conference shall be allowed to attend the bidding on the date which will be announced after the pre-bid conference. Suppliers which have successfully installed a similar system in a Philippine bank with a volume equal or greater than DBP's trade transaction shall be given preference.

PROPERTY & SECURITY MANAGEMENT

(PDI – Mar. 2, 3 & 5, 2001)

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Quezon City

NOTICE OF BIDDING

The National Food Authority (NFA) wishes to announce that it will hold a pre-bidding and bidding conference among NFA accredited grains suppliers on **March 13** and **15, 2001**, respectively at 2:00 PM at the NFA Boardroom, 10th Floor, Matimyas Bldg., 101 E. Rodriguez, Sr. Ave., Quezon City for the supply of the following commodities.

a. THIRTY THOUSAND (30,000) metric tons, 10% MOLSO, White Kernelled Corngrains equivalent to US Grade #2 or better, in bulk for April/May 2001 arrival of US origin for discharge in Cebu.
b. SIX THOUSAND NINETY THREE (6,093) metric tons (min./max) Yellow Corngrains equivalent to US Grade #2 or better, in bags or in bulk for April/May, 2001 arrival of omnibus origin for discharge in Manila or Cebu.

Price offers must be quoted as follows:

a. For yellow corn, in US$/MT, C&F, FO, 1-2 SB, Manila, in bag.
b. For white corn, in US$/MT, C&F, FO, 1-2 SB, Cebu, in bulk.
c. Combined loading of cargo for both yellow and white corn acceptable, in which case, price offers must be quoted as follows:
   c.1. For yellow corn, in US$/MT, C&F, FO, 1-2 SB, 1 SP Cebu or Manila, in bag or in bulk.
   c.2. For white corn, in US$/MT, C&F, FO 1-2 SB, Cebu, in bulk.

Suppliers bidding for yellow corn cargo are required to submit bids in bulk and in bags otherwise their bids will be invalidated.

Sealed offers must be submitted between 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM on the bidding date accompanied by a bid bond equivalent to 10% of total offer in the form of Cashier's or Manager's check issued/drawn from a reputable Metro Manila bank or demand draft in USD which must be drawn within Metro Manila or stand-by irrevocable L/C valid for 120 days.

Opening of bids will start at exactly 2:00 PM of the bidding date. Only those accredited by NFA shall be allowed to submit offers.

NFA accredited suppliers must submit documents to update records not later than **12 March 2001**, 5:00 PM. For further verification, please contact the Foreign Operations Division - DMO at telephone numbers 743-8696/740-1977/712-1708.

Further, those who wish to apply for accreditation shall have until **12 March 2001**, 5:00 PM to submit pertinent documents for accreditation. Requirements/checklist for accreditation may be secured from DMO-FOD, 5th Floor with Tel. Nos. 743-8696/740-1977/712-1708.

The pre-bidding conference shall be held on 13 March 2001 at 2:00 PM at the NFA Boardroom to discuss the terms and conditions pertaining to the bidding and announce who are qualified to participate in the bid.

The bidding terms and conditions shall be available at the Foreign Operations Division - Directorate for Marketing Operations, 5th Floor starting **09 March 2001** from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

The National Food Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any required formalities or defects found therein and may accept bid/s most advantageous to the Agency.

In case of bidding failure, a pre-bidding/re-bidding shall be conducted at 2:00 PM at NFA Boardroom on 20 and 22 March 2001, respectively.

(Sgd.) **VICENTE V. RACHO**
Chairman, PBAC
and Assistant Administrator

(PDI--March 3, 4, & 5, 2001)

National Power Corporation

INVITATION TO BID FOR THE SALE OF:

SCHEDULE I SCRAP JUNKED MATERIALS LOCATED AT SUCAT THERMAL POWER PLANT, MUNTINLUPA CITY, METRO MANILA

"AS IS WHERE IS AND TAKE ALL BASIS"
DATE OF RE-BIDDING: March 20, 2001

DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	QTY.	MIN. BID PRICE Lot Price
1. Iron/Steel, scrap, (Floating Roof of FOT #2, 3 pcs. High Pressure Heaters, etc.) estd. wt.: 200.000 kgs. more or less @ P2.70/kg.*	Sucat, Thermal Power Plant	1 Lot	P 540,000.00
2. Used TIRES, assorted brands/sizes, 195 pcs.	- do -	1 Lot	9,750.00
3. Used BATTERIES, 58 pcs.	- do -	1 Lot	3,842.00
4. Used Fluorescent Lamps, 48" Cool White, 5,000 pcs.	- do -	1 Lot	5,250.00

Note: * - Actual Weight will be the basis for the actual bidden cost.

SCHEDULE II: UNSERVICEABLE/JUNKED VEHICLES LOCATED AT ANGET RIVER HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT, NORZAGARAY, BULACAN

"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"
DATE OF RE-BIDDING: March 23, 2001

DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	QTY.	MIN. BID PRICE Lot Price
1. Scrap vehicle (body and parts), 7 units approximately weighing: 12 Tons @ P2.50/kg.*	Angat River Hydroelectric Plant	1 Lot	P30,000.00
2. Grader, Road "Caterpillar," SN: 99#1580 with diesel fed engine, Cat.: SN75A-1489	- do -	1 Unit	68,000.00
3. Grader, Motor "Caterpillar," Mod. 14-D powered by CAT diesel eng. #96F600 Prop.2622	- do -	1 Unit	85,000.00
4. Crane, Transit, "Bucyrus Erie," Model 22-B, SN: 119190 Crane Engine "GM" diesel model 3057-C, Prop. NO. 1231	- do -	1 Unit	102,000.00

Note: *-Actual Weight will be the basis for the actual bidden cost.

Schedule I: Sealed Bids in the prescribed form shall be received until 10:00 AM on **March 20, 2001** at the Conference Room, Sucat Thermal Power Plant, Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila (Tel. No. 842-37-96) c/o Mr. Rufino A. Maravilla, Supvg. Property Officer and for Schedule II: Sealed Bids in the prescribed form shall be received until 10:00 AM on **March 23, 2001** at the Property Office, Angat River Hydroelectric Plant, San Lorenzo, Norzagaray, Bulacan (Tel. No. 921-35-41 loc. 458) c/o Mr. Maximo G. Pelejo Jr., Supvg. Property Officer and shall then and there be opened for the sale of the items bidden respectively.

Interested parties are requested to attend the pre-bid conference for Schedule I on **March 19, 2001** at 2:00 PM at the Conference Room, Sucat Thermal Power Plant, Muntinlupa City, Metro Manila and for Schedule II on **March 22, 2001** at 2:00 PM at the Property Office, Angat River Hydro Electric Plant, San Lorenzo, Norzagaray, Bulacan, respectively.

All bids must be submitted in a two (2) Envelope with the following:

First Envelope:
1. Proposal Bond Deposit in the form of Cash or Manager's Check only equivalent to 10% of the total bid price;
2. Latest Income Tax Return (ITR) of the individual bidder or Financial Statement of the Company (1999 Original or BIR certified true copy);
3. Terms and Conditions of Bidding/Sale;
4. Bidder's Certification;
5. Bidder's Inspection Certificate duly signed by Property Officers concerned;
6. For authorized representatives, original copy of Special Power of Attorney.

Second Envelope:
1. Bid Form

Additional Information and Bid Forms at P50.00 per schedule may be secured from Concerned Property Officers at the above address and at NPC-NLRO, Warehouse/Traffic/Transshipment and Disposal Section, Plaza Natalia Building, #51 Naguilian Road, Baguio City (Tel. Nos. 445-45-41 to 45-44 loc. 224) c/o MR. ORLANDO C. VERANO. Deadline for the issuance of Bid Forms for Schedule I - 5:00 PM, **March 19, 2001** and for Schedule II - 5:00 PM, **March 22, 2001**, respectively.

Please note that the National Power Corporation reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any informality found therein and to accept or reject such bids as may be advantageous to the interest of the Corporation.

(Sgd.) **F. A. TAMPINCO**
Officer-In-Charge, GenCo 2
& Chairman, RAMSUC

(PDI – March 5 & 6, 2001)

NATIONAL FOOD AUTHORITY
Quezon City

NOTICE OF BIDDING

In compliance with Presidential authority for the importation of rice, the National Food Authority (NFA) wishes to announce that it will be holding a pre-bidding and bidding conference limited among foreign government suppliers already accredited by the NFA on **March 08, 2001**, 9:00 A.M. at NFA Penthouse Canteen and on **March 9, 2001** at 2:00 PM at the NFA Boardroom, 10th Floor, Matimyas Bldg., 101 E. Rodriguez, Sr. Ave., Quezon City for the supply of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND (300,000) metric tons, 10% MOLSO, Long Grain White Rice 25% brokens, packed in 50 kg net capacity, polypropylene bag, from Vietnam, China and Thailand origin. Detailed quality specifications shall be included in the bidding terms and conditions. Shipment period is as follows:

MARCH 2001 - 25% BEST EFFORT
APRIL 2001 - AT LEAST 50% FIRM
MAY 2001 - BALANCE

Price offers must be quoted in US$/MT, C&F, Free Out basis, 1 SP, 1-2 SB, payment basis at sight L/C and 180 days usance L/C. Minimum bid offer shall be 25,000 MT. Foreign government suppliers who will source rice from their own country may be allowed to offer a maximum quantity equivalent to 150,000 MT. Foreign government suppliers who will source supply not from their country but from other countries of origin will be allowed to offer a maximum volume of only 50,000 MT, 10% MOLSO.

Sealed offers must be submitted between 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM on the bidding date.

Opening of bids will start exactly at 2:00 PM.

The National Food Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids to waive any required formalities or defects found therein and may accept bid/s most advantageous to the Agency.

(Sgd.) **VICENTE V. RACHO**
Assistant Administrator
and Chairman, PBAC

(PDI--March 4, 5 & 6, 2001)

PRE-QUALIFICATION BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
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28 February 2001

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

The SUBIC BAY METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY ("SBMA"), through the Pre-qualification Bids and Awards Committee ("PBAC") announces the extension of the submission of pre-qualification documents for the following services:

SBMA INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDER (ISP)

The following documents are necessary for the pre-qualification as a supplier/contractor for the above-mentioned sealed bidding:

1. Article of Incorporation
2. Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC) Registration
3. Certificate of Registration with the Dept. of Trade and Industry (if not Corporation)
4. Valid Mayor's Permit
5. Audited Financial Statement for the last two (2) years (certified true copy in sealed envelope)
6. Presence of Exclusive/Authorized/Sole Distributorship Agreement with reputable firms in the industry, document duly notarized at the point of origin.
7. Company PROFILE
   A) Company Information
      a) List of all relevant services/projects in the last five (5) years
      b) Roster of clients
         1. Brief description of client
         2. Length of services (indicate period covered)
         3. Internet access speed provided
         4. Amount/Cost of projects/services
   B) Technical Staff
      a) Curriculum vitae
         1. IT training/knowledge regarding the equipment, systems and its operation.
         2. Relevant certification
         3. Relevant experience/ exposure, (at least 2 years)
         4. Experience with the company (assigned projects and status)
8. Non-refundable Pre-qualification fee (P200.00)

Submission of the above pre-qualification documents is until **5:00 p.m. of March 8, 2001 (Thursday)**, at the PBAC Secretariat, PPMD Office, Rm. 201, Bldg. 255, Subic Bay Freeport Zone.

Firms qualified by the SBMA and dates for the Pre-Bid Conference and Submission/Opening of Bids shall be announced through Bid Bulletin.

The SBMA assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify any firm for any expense or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of pre-qualification requirements. The decision of the SBMA on who are qualified to bid shall be final and binding.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. RIZAL V. KATALBAS JR.**
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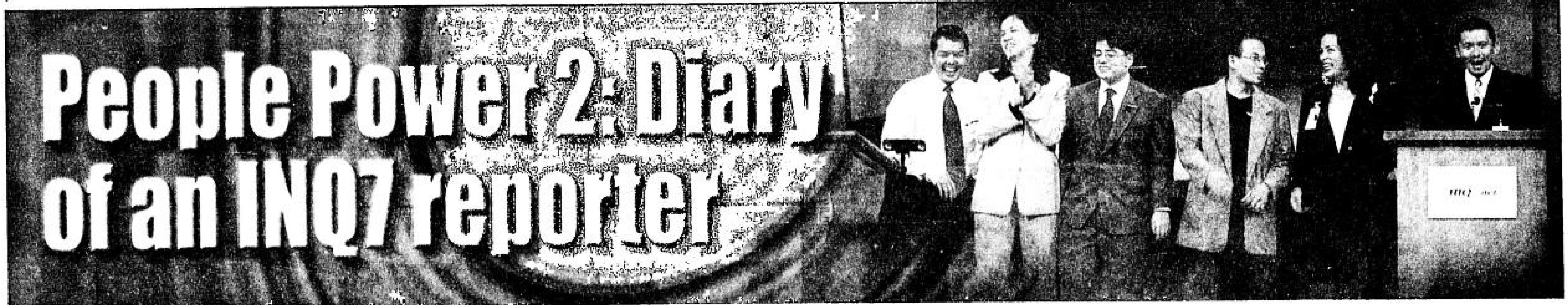

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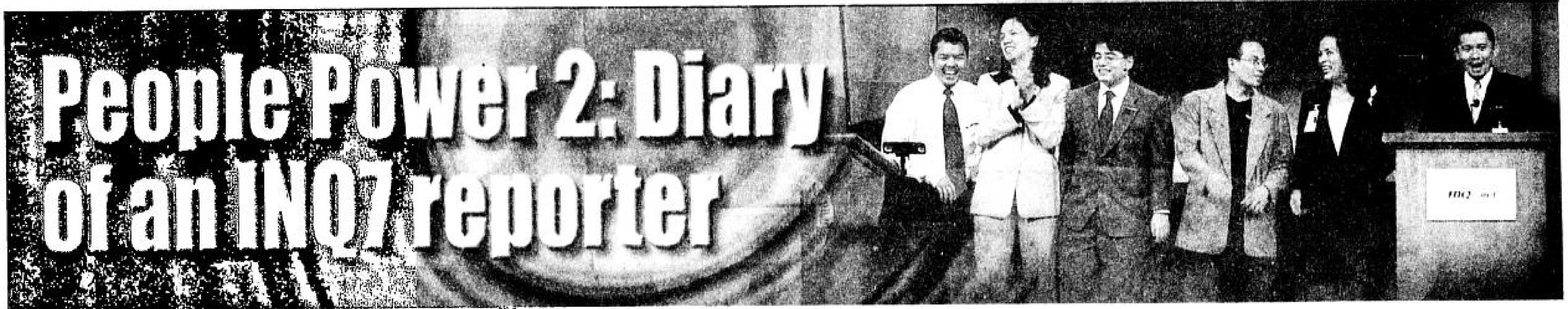

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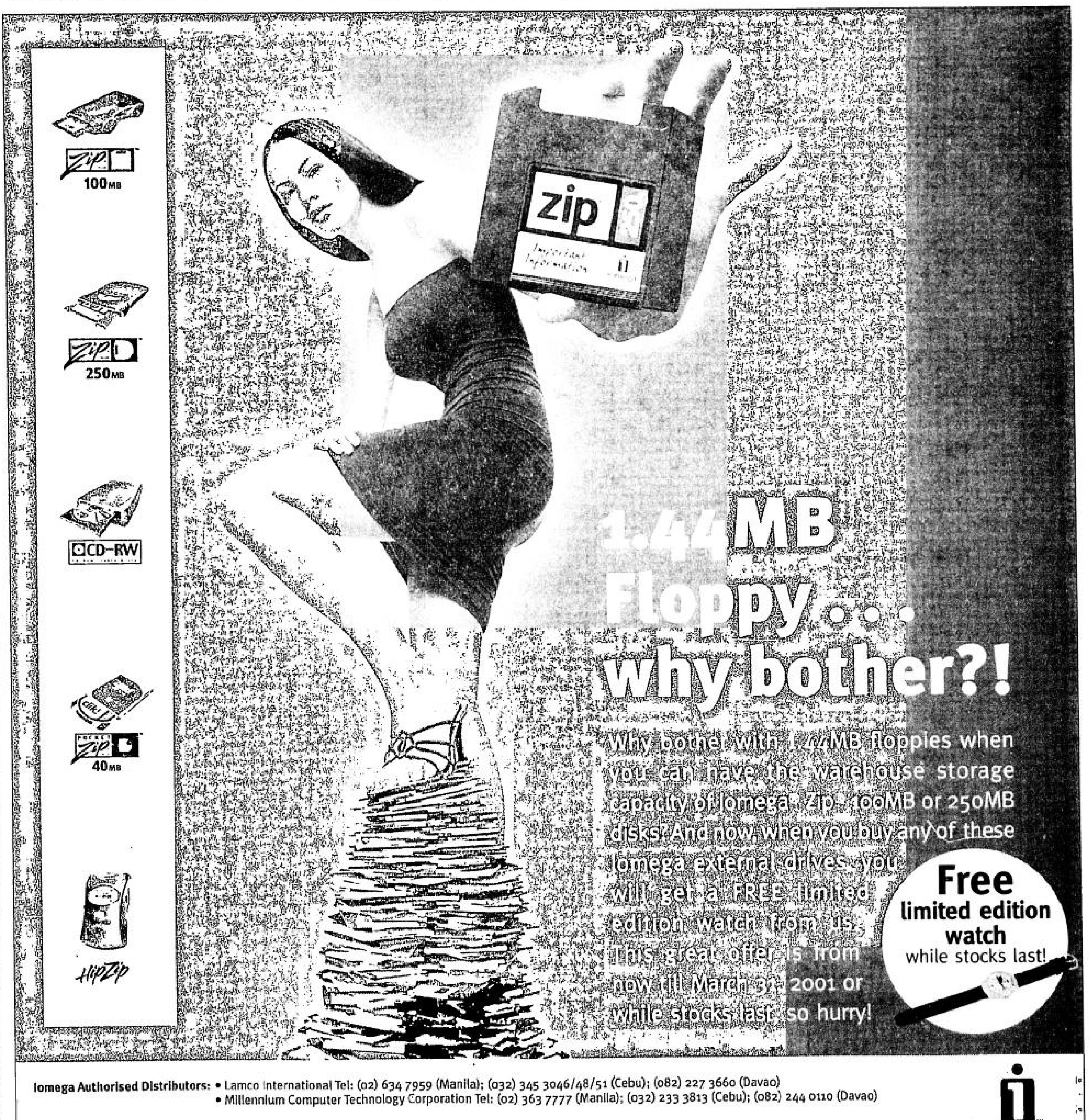
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Zamora said the local hosting firm initially allocated a T1 line (approximately 3 megabits per second) to INQ7.net. But they later decided to upgrade the bandwidth to an OC-3 line—that is about nine times more the bandwidth of a T1.

"I was receiving two e-mail warnings every minute indicating that the site needed more bandwidth. This has never happened before," remarked Zamora. "We've never had such traffic since we began offering our hosting services."

More than 90 percent of Web traffic came from the United States. The bandwidth problem was partly due to the heavy demand for INQ7.net's streaming video coverage of People Power 2 courtesy of GMA7.

"The number of users logged in to view the streaming video was 10 times more than our recorded peaks," recalled Wilson Go of Bitstop Inc., an Internet firm based in Dagupan, Pangasinan.

Being able to bring streaming video over INQ7.net to Filipinos worldwide is not as easy as it seems. Many Filipino websites have realized that by now. What made it possible was a good knowledge of streaming video technology, sensible partners and a lot of common sense.

Bitstop had to collaborate with companies like Infocom, Digitel and Home Cable to be able to provide TV programs of GMA into the Internet.

"Encoding of video feed was done in Dagupan. But after our feed was cut, we moved the encoding station to Home Cable. We used remote software to control the start and stop of the encoding process. DigitelOne, on the other hand, provided the bandwidth for the streaming video," explained Go.

That system worked fine for a few days. Then Go realized that the impeachment trial was getting longer.

"We were working beyond our normal hours. So we decided to teach the tech team of INQ7.net how to encode video. From that time on, INQ7.net handled it," he said.

Looking back, Zamora said that the whole experience was fun but hard to handle. However, this goes to show that Filipino service providers can match services of those based in the United States, he added.

"At least now we're sure that we can handle a power portal such as INQ7.net," Zamora said.

Like Zamora, Go also considered working with INQ7.net as a breakthrough because it has opened possibilities for local service providers to compete in terms of delivering content to the world.

Zamora and Go are part of the team that made INQ7.net a reality. Just like in the movies, the people behind the scenes also deserve credit.

Through it all, INQ7.net was supported by management. On the third night of People Power 2, INQUIRER board chair Marixi Prieto and INQ7.net president Dennis Valdes dropped by the office to cheer us on. It lifted our spirits up, having been subjected to minute-by-minute updates for the last three days and having ingested tons of instant noodles (Nissin's Cup Noodles became the staple food of the INQ7.net team during People Power 2), a favorite of JV Rufino, also our VP and executive editor.

But while our editor in chief, Bobi Tiglao; and managing editor Getsy Selirio were churning out more updates, I cannot help but remember the determination shown by our encoders Grace, Herbert, Carlo and Joreem (a.k.a. hardcore). Of course, the video part of it all would not have appeared without Brian and Leo of tech, and the Running Account which gave the minute-by-minute reports would not have been used without the talent of En, Twinkle and Maoie.

The entire tech, editorial, management and administrative teams of INQ7.net worked hard those four days of People Power 2, and this became their contribution to the cause of Edsa. Let us not forget Edna Belleza and her sales crew who stood by us while making sure we had cash flowing into the company for us to buy those Cup Noodles.

During those nights, a ton-and-a-half of understanding from the spouses and family of the entire INQ7.net team also helped us in delivering the news during crunch time.

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3Com licenses Parthus for mobile product line

PARTHUS Technologies PLC, a leading supplier of semiconductor platform level intellectual property for the mobile Internet market, has announced that it has signed a portfolio licensing and royalty agreement with 3Com Corp. to deliver technology for use in 3Com's wireless and mobile product lines.

As part of the agreement, Parthus will deliver a range of Intellectual Property platforms that includes Parthus BlueStream, NavStream and MediaStream technologies. Each platform is created to combine low power consumption requirements with high levels of on-chip functionality—key factors in the success of mobile devices.

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Unisys 2001 initiatives

E-BUSINESS solutions provider Unisys Corp. has announced new partnerships to jumpstart 2001 growth.

Unisys has signed a letter of intent with Ingram Micro to create a Web-based procurement channel to Unisys customers providing 280,000 commodity technology products from 1,700 suppliers.

Another initiative of Unisys is the launch of iPSL, its new outsourced payment processing venture in the United Kingdom in partnership with Lloyds TSB and Barclays Bank. Unisys expects to realize approximately $1 billion in revenues over the next 10 years from iPSL, of which $800 million represents new orders.

The company has also engaged an investment banking firm to explore strategic alternatives for the Federal Systems division.

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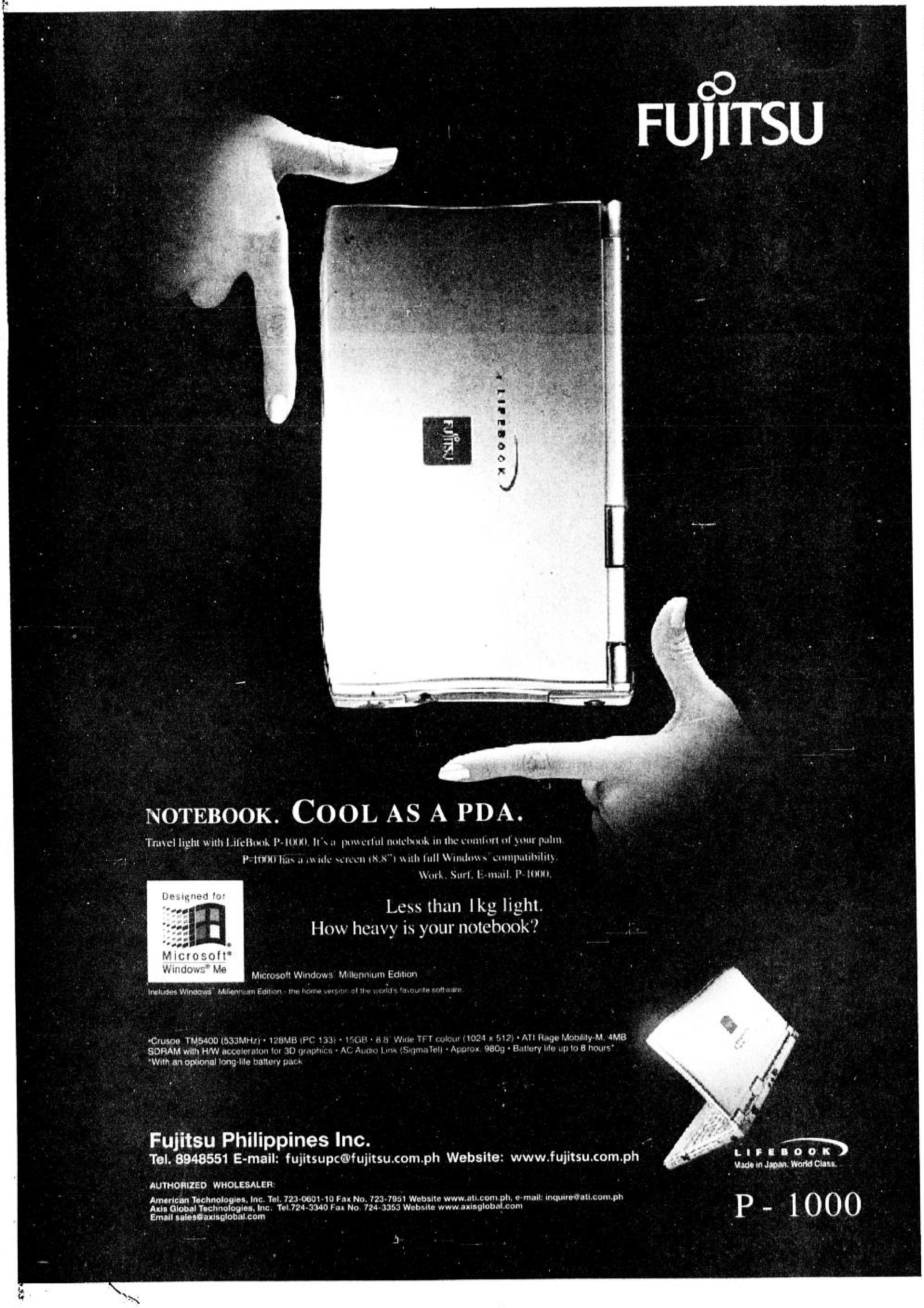

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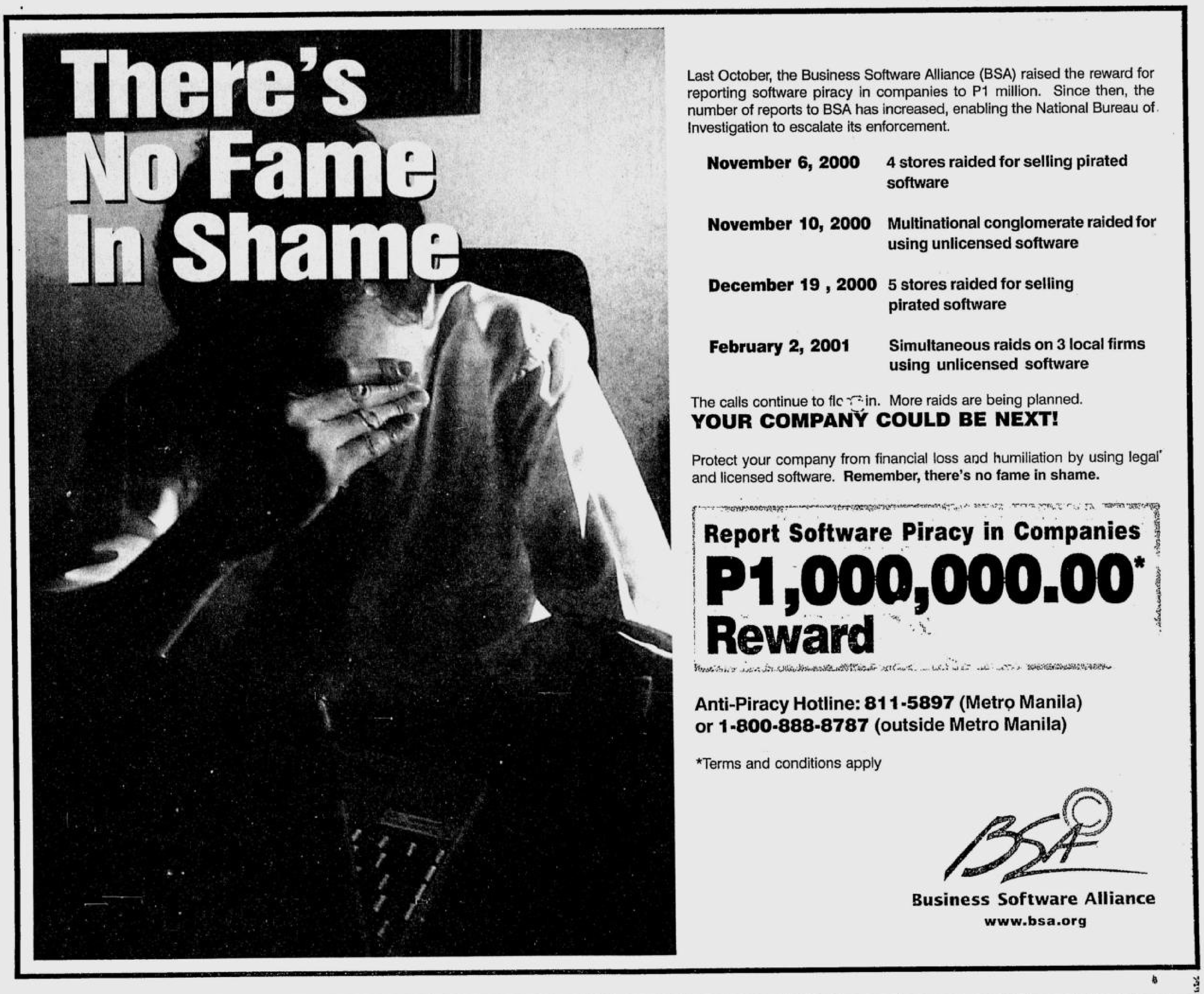

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Last October, the Business Software Alliance (BSA) raised the reward for reporting software piracy in companies to P1 million. Since then, the number of reports to BSA has increased, enabling the National Bureau of Investigation to escalate its enforcement.

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Hoover Dam builder reports liquidity crunch, bank default

BOSTON—Washington Group International Inc., the US construction firm that built the Hoover Dam, said Friday a troubled unit it bought from Raytheon Co. caused bank defaults and a liquidity crisis, triggering a stock sell-off that erased 79 percent of its value.

Washington Group, formerly known as Morrison Knudsen Co., was considering bankruptcy reorganization "as one alternative among many," Brent Brandon, the company's vice president of investor relations, told Reuters.

The company said the tumult would cause it to delay reporting its fourth-quarter and full year earnings for two weeks until March 16.

A team of forensic accountants that Washington Group hired determined Raytheon owed the fourth-largest US construction and engineering company more than $400 million as part of an unresolved purchase price adjustment from last year's deal, Brandon charged.

But Raytheon said it did not believe a material adjustment on the sale of its Cambridge, Massachusetts-based engineering and construction business would be required.

Lexington, Massachusetts-based Raytheon, maker of the Patriot missile, last year unloaded its Raytheon Engineers & Constructors unit, which had 1999 sales of $2.7 billion, for $53 million in cash and assumed liabilities then estimated at $450 million.

A few months after buying the business, Washington Group reduced the carrying value of several contracts and increased estimated liabilities by about $700 million.

"It's very difficult to tell how this is going to come out," said Merrill Lynch analyst Fritz Von Carp.

Boise, Idaho-based Washington Group's shares closed down 79.38 percent at $1.65 in heavy trade on the New York Stock Exchange.

Washington Group said it encountered "substantial cost overruns and negative cash flows" from some Raytheon Engineers projects it inherited and now faced severe near-term liquidity problems due to a delay in resolving the purchase price adjustments with the No. 3 US defense contractor.

"The purchase price adjustment should have been determined by now," Washington Group chair Dennis Washington said in a statement. "And if it had, we simply wouldn't be in this position."

He claimed Raytheon's construction business had serious undisclosed problems and was in trouble before the acquisition. If not for 15 construction contracts acquired from Raytheon, Washington Group's business would be strong, the chairman said.

In financial reports, Raytheon reported significant cost overruns at the business in 1998 and 1999.

Washington Group said the former Raytheon business was the sole reason it defaulted under some covenants in its senior credit facilities with its banks. *Reuters*

BASF sells pharma unit to Abbott

LUDWIGSHAFEN, Germany—German industrial group BASF on Friday finalized the sale of its pharmaceutical sector to Abbott of the United States for $6.9 billion (7.2 billion euros), making Abbott the world's 14th biggest pharmaceutical group, BASF announced.

On Thursday, the European Commission had given the go-ahead for the acquisition of the pharmaceutical activities of BASF AG by the Abbott Group.

BASF wants in the future to concentrate on chemicals. *AFP*

Song-swap service fights for life

SAN FRANCISCO—Napster Inc. pleaded with a judge to keep its Internet song-swapping service alive, saying a new screening system would stop the free trade of thousands of copyrighted songs.

Lawyer David Boies said the software would block access to 1 million music files sometime this weekend. He and Napster chief executive Hank Barry left it unclear Friday whether the number represented different songs or spelling variations involving a much smaller number of songs.

But the move amounted to a concession that Napster's days were over as an online clearinghouse for the free trade in copyrighted tunes. The company said it would offer membership-based swapping for a fee by July 1 and pay copyright holders royalty fees.

The recording industry, which provided Napster with a list of 5,600 song titles it wanted blocked, said the plan was not aggressive enough.

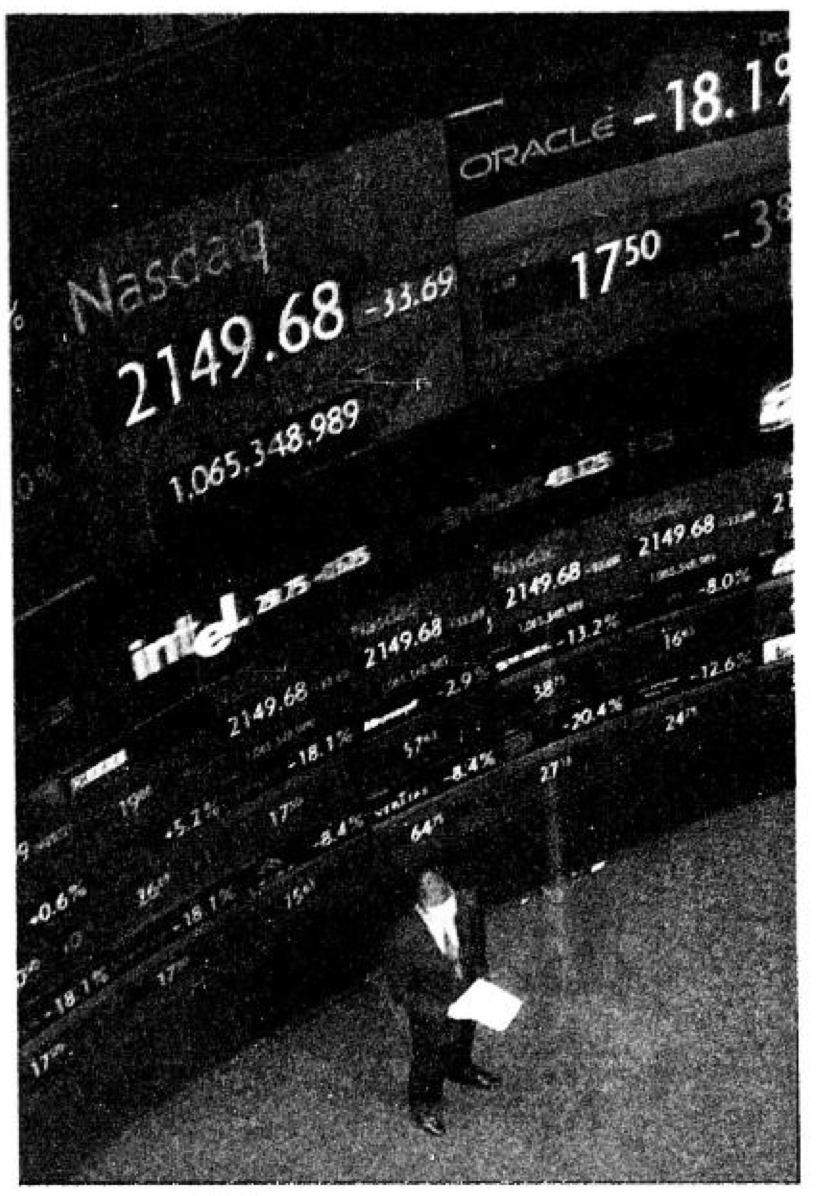
Boies told US District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel that the screening system would block a list of recordings provided by music labels and artists, including Metallica and Dr. Dre. He said people at Napster were "working night and day to develop a system to block access to these files."

Music industry lawyer Russell Frackman said a far greater number of songs should be screened out, including recordings not yet released to the public.

He suggested Napster start with the Billboard Top 100 singles and Top 200 albums, and police its system to keep those lists current. Boies said such requests would slow down the screening software.

Patel did not say when she would narrow the scope of her earlier injunction ordering Napster to stop facilitating the trade of pirated music.

Hilary Rosen, president of the Recording Industry Association of America, said she would take Napster on its word that it was trying to develop a method to comply with copyright infringement issues. *AP*



NASDAQ DOWN

Tom Costello of CNBC delivers a report from the Nasdaq MarketSite in New York's Times Square. A profit warning from software maker Oracle Corp. hurt tech issues. Oracle said after the market closed Thursday its third quarter earnings would be disappointing because of a slowdown in sales. AP

CEO salaries under the gun as profits sag

NEW YORK—Last September, Dan DiMicco got the job of a lifetime when steelmaker Nucor Corp. named him chief executive, a job that came at the worst of economic times, promising increased stress and possibly lower pay.

Chief executives face tough times ahead as the US economy softens, many experts say, with some already taking pay cuts and investors watching company performance and executive compensation like hawks.

"It's an everyday job, 365-days a year, whether you're in good times or bad," DiMicco, 50, said in a telephone interview. "But the pressure gets more intense when you're in bad times because you have a responsibility to your shareholders and you have a responsibility to your board of directors and to your employees because they're expecting to be able to work every day."

Nucor expects DiMicco to do what most steel producers have been unable to do—earn profits in an industry already in a three-year slump as the economy slows.

For CEOs, stress is always a factor even in good times as they must control costs, maintain efficiency and please shareholders. But in bad times, chief executives not only face those pressures but also will be the fall guy if the company closes plants and cuts thousands of jobs.

"This is a perilous time for CEOs because, if you lose market share, during a recession, that's a bad thing. It's okay to go down in your business, but you don't want to lose market share," said Steve Potter, chief executive of TMP Worldwide Executive Search, the headhunting division of the world's largest job recruitment firm, TMP Worldwide Inc. "The stakes are higher, the timeframes are shorter and the tolerance level among the investment world is much, much less."

Potter said economic downturns serve one positive function—it weeds out under-performing chief executives, a pitfall DiMicco so far has avoided.

Nucor's fourth-quarter earnings were more than expected, beating analysts' expectations, by controlling costs as demand for steel declined and imports pressured prices.

DiMicco, who earns $400,000 as his base pay, faces the challenge of boosting profits in a bad economy or losing compensation if the company's earnings don't rise.

"This coming year, if we do 20 percent less in profits, my salary will drop by more than 20 percent," he said. "There's an incentive always there, good times or bad, to do your best job possible." *Reuters*

Highest paid Americans are . . . dead

WASHINGTON—You can't take it with you, but some of the richest Americans are still earning millions of dollars even though they happen to be dead, according to a published report.

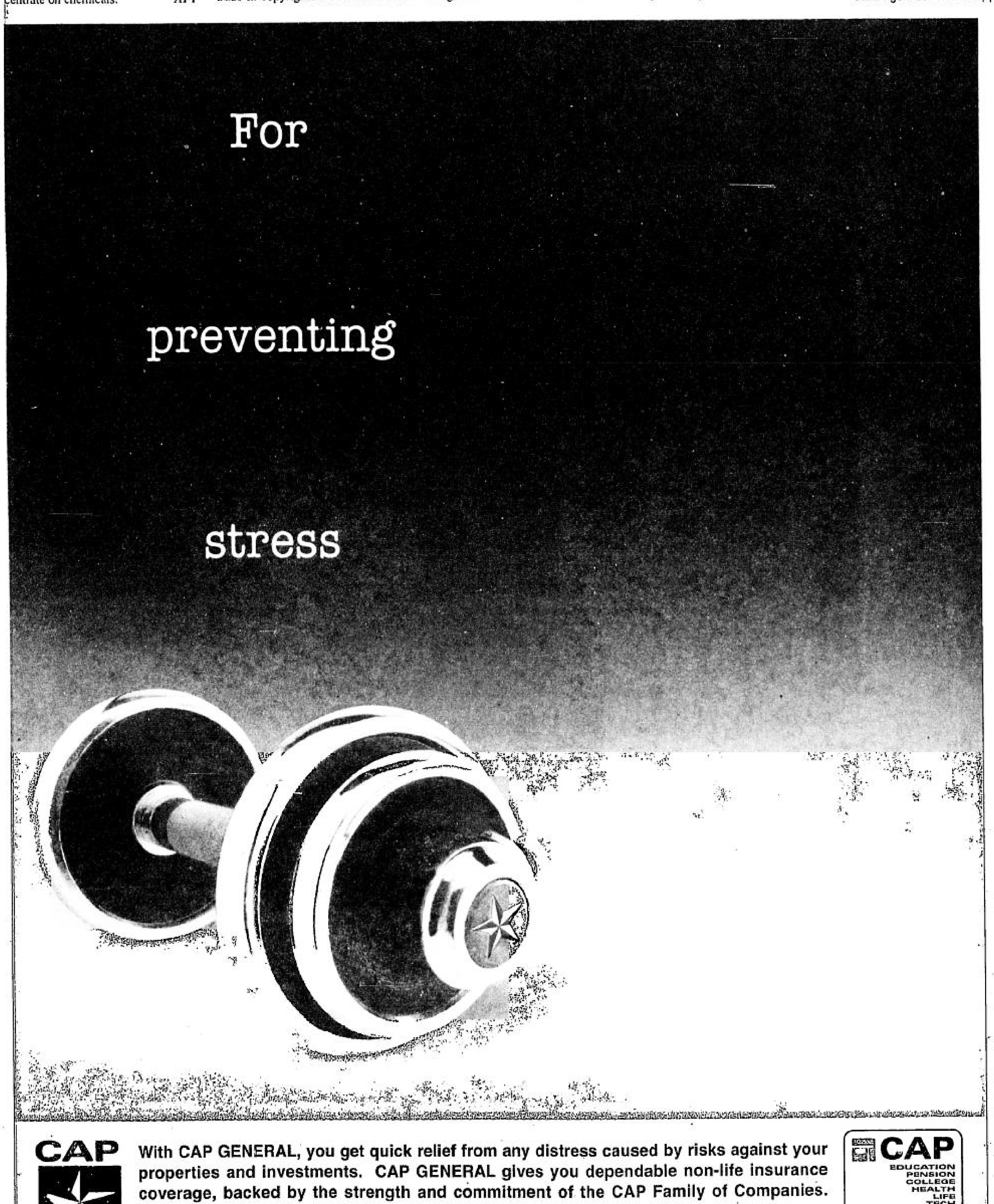
Forbes magazine said Elvis Presley is the "king" of the deceased, earning $35 million for his estate last year, including $15 million from admissions to his Graceland mansion in Tennessee.

"Peanuts" cartoonist Charles Schulz, who died in February 2000, was second on the list, earning more than $20 million last year, just above the royalties by former Beatle John Lennon.

No. 4 Theodor Geisel, known for his "Dr. Seuss" books, hauled in $17 million in 2000 while rock guitarist Jimi Hendrix was fifth, earning "$10 million plus,"

Rounding out the top 10 were Jamaican reggae star Bob Marley ($10 million), artist Andy Warhol ($8 million) science fiction writer JRR Tolkien ($7 million), Frank Sinatra ($6 million) and former Grateful Dead star Jerry Garcia ($5 million).

Three other dead million-plus earners listed by Forbes included artist Keith Haring ($4 million plus), Marilyn Monroe ($4 million) and actor James Dean ($3 million). *AFP*



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Japan set to launch emergency package

TOKYO—Japan would launch an emergency package this week in a bid to bolster its sagging stock market and secure recovery of the world's second biggest economy, a report said Saturday.

The package would feature measures designed to encourage individual investors to pour money into the stock market and cut taxes to stimulate the real estate sector, the Nihon Keizai Shimbun said.

It would also include a scheme to help banks write off their massive bad loans, the paper said.

Japanese banks have written off 68 trillion yen ($576 billion) of bad loans since 1992, but they still carry bad loans totaling 32 trillion yen at the end of September, according to the Financial Services Agency.

Analysts say the true figure of bad loans is much higher.

The government wants banks to unload bad loans from their books even if it means going into the red. Currently, banks merely set aside reserves to cover losses.

The latest package, the paper noted, would not include fresh spending, the practice Tokyo used over the past decade in a bid to spur the economy.

The government has already spent more than 100 trillion yen in stimulus packages over the last decade.

The latest emergency package came amid a raft of indicators highlighting Japan's economic woes and a debacle in the stock market, which on Friday dropped to 12,261.80, a new 15-year closing low. *AFP*

Indonesia settling differences over $400-M emergency loan

WASHINGTON—Indonesia's differences with the International Monetary Fund were narrowing and significant progress over a stalled $400-million loan could be seen by the middle of March, Jakarta's envoy to the United States said Friday.

Ambassador Dorodjatun Kuntjoro-Jakti told Reuters in an interview he was confident the two sides would reach an agreement.

"What we see is narrowing differences. The message has to be discussed in Indonesia in the cabinet and worked out by our team here," Kuntjoro-Jakti said.

"And of course, after an exchange of letters, I hope probably—by the latest probably the middle of March—we will see the return of a team to Jakarta, and after that maybe will be a disbursement, I hope, in the weeks after that," he said.

The crucial loan, part of a $5-billion facility, had been delayed since December while negotiations between Jakarta and the world lending body dragged on, stumbling over such key issues as the independence of the central bank, local government borrowing and transparency in asset sales.

Progress in these talks is needed for the IMF to be able to announce a date for a mission to Jakarta—the next step in freeing up the funds.

This is the third time in the past year the IMF has delayed loans from the three-year program as Indonesia struggles with its economic reforms and a series of political crises, including the latest violence in Borneo in which nearly 500 people have been killed.

Without IMF backing, Indonesia will have trouble with its key donors—like the Paris Club of creditors and the Consultative Group for Indonesia—and confidence in the economy will further erode.

The delay comes at a crucial time for Indonesia's first democratically elected president, Abdurrahman Wahid, who faces criticism for traveling abroad despite all his country's problems and mounting political pressure after parliament formally censured him for his role in two financial scandals.

Although the IMF was hailed as a hero when it helped Indonesia after the economy collapsed in 1997, it is now often labeled meddlesome in Jakarta.

Chief Economics Minister Rizal Ramli, who last week came to Washington for talks with the IMF that yielded little, recently accused it of being too pushy.

Kuntjoro-Jakti, a US-trained economist who has had broad involvement in Indonesia's regional and commercial agreements, was supportive of the process, however.

"For me, this is a blessing in disguise that we have this problem now, rather than later," he said.

"Yes, it caused a delay from December already to March now probably, but if it is part of the learning curve, why not? For me, any maneuver, if it's based on trust, really hinges on the fact that both honor the international agreement."

The problems being discussed with the IMF were the inevitable consequences of greater democracy, Kuntjoro-Jakti suggested. *Reuters*

IMF sees 4% growth in HK this year

WASHINGTON—The International Monetary Fund on Friday forecast economic growth in Hong Kong of 4 percent this year and the return of low inflation following two years of falling prices.

In its annual assessment of the Hong Kong economy, the international lender was largely upbeat, praising the Chinese region for its rapid recovery after a sharp recession in 1998 as a result of the Asian financial crisis.

The IMF credited the rebound of economic growth, falling unemployment and strong confidence despite regional uncertainty to "the authorities' pragmatic handling of fiscal policy during the recession."

The report said that disinflation of 3.7 percent last year and 4 percent in 1999 were largely due to a correction in property prices. Those falling prices had helped Hong Kong's competitiveness by reversing the real exchange rate appreciation seen at the start of the Asian crisis.

But with growth returning to trend after the rapid 10-percent pace enjoyed in 2000 and inflation due to return, the IMF said, "downside risks remain, especially if the external environment worsens, and will require continued vigilance by the authorities."

The lender also made medium-term economic growth forecasts of 5.2 percent in 2002, 4.5 percent in 2003, 4.3 percent in 2004 and 4.2 percent in 2005. It predicted inflation of 2.6 percent in 2002 and 3 percent in the 2003-2005 period.

The fund praised Hong Kong's currency regime, saying changes made in 1998 to the currency board were working well. It also praised Hong Kong's skillful handling of fiscal policy, calling its medium-term policies "appropriate." *Reuters*

Malaysia's music industry sings the blues

KUALA LUMPUR—Sharifah Aini's smoldering voice, known to millions of Malaysians through her 72 albums, seethes with anger as she recounts how rampant music piracy has robbed her of huge earnings.

"Forget about the diamonds, the cars, the houses," says Malaysia's most popular songstress. "The money that I make now comes from my concerts and shows, not from record royalties."

While music file-swapping websites such as Napster spark copyright controversies in many other nations, counterfeit CDs and cassettes are causing Malaysian record companies to reel. Some insiders now predict that the homegrown music industry could go bust by next year.

Music pirates here are mostly suave businessmen who hire underlings to toil in upmarket condominiums filled with CD-burning machines, copying equipment and blank tapes.

Barely hours after an album is officially released, pirated versions can be openly snapped up at shopping bazaars and street stalls. Although urban Malaysians have easy access to the Internet, sluggish connection speeds deter many from trading MP3s illegally on the Web.

The latest statistics show the impact of piracy in this Southeast Asian nation.

In 1996, domestic sales of albums by local artists totaled 80 million ringgit ($21 million). By 2000, sales had sunk 75 percent to 20 million ringgit ($5.3 million).

In 1997, fans bought 560,000 copies of the No. 1 Malay-language LP. Last year, Malaysia's biggest chart success shifted a sickly 91,000 units. *AP*

Hyundai affiliate goes belly-up

SEOUL—A construction affiliate of South Korea's cash-strapped Hyundai Group collapsed under heavy debts on Saturday, its creditor bank said.

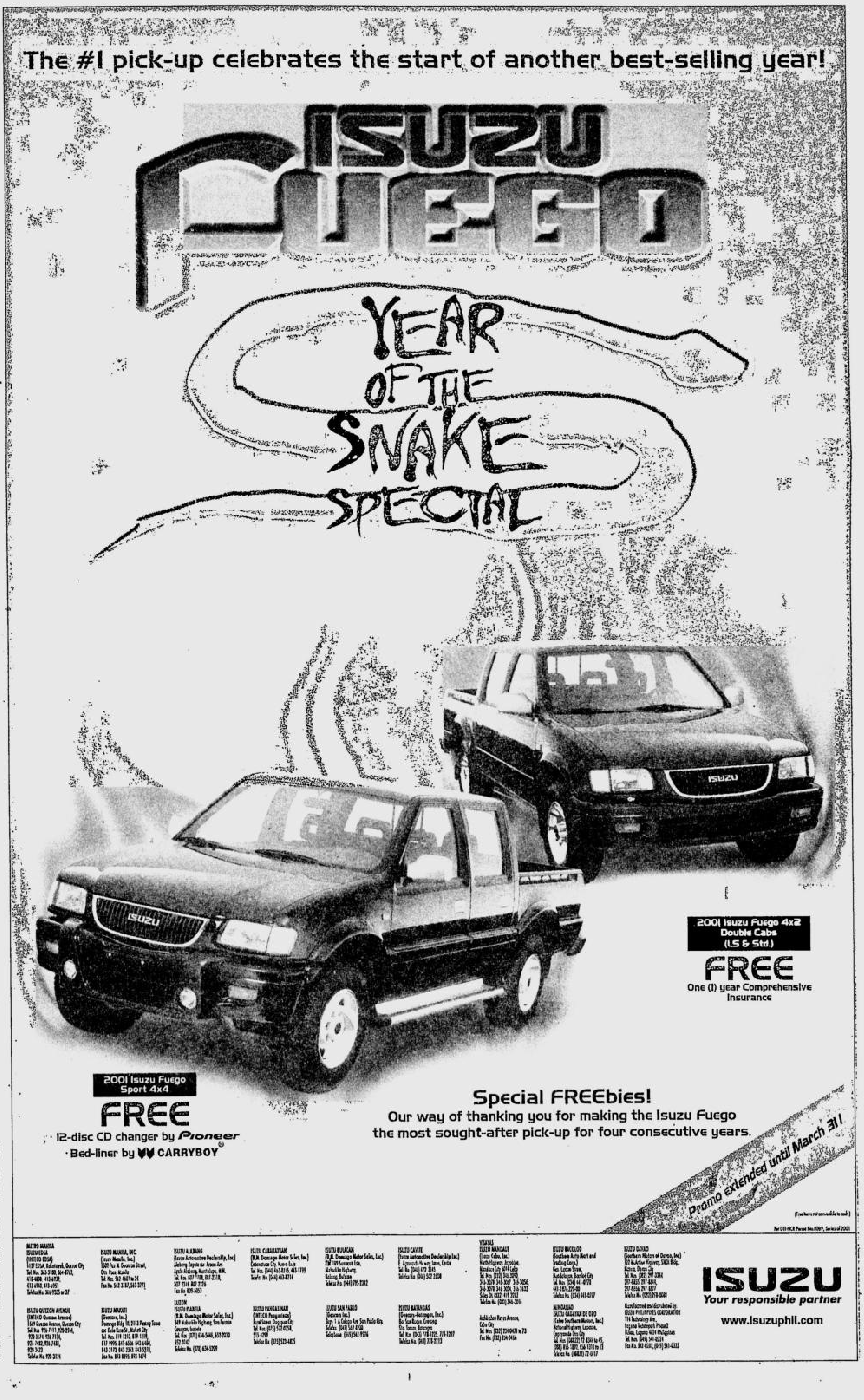
Korea Industrial Development Co. was declared bankrupt after it failed to honor promissory notes worth 7.9 billion won ($6.3 million) due on Wednesday, Korea Exchange Bank said.

It owes a total of 600 billion won ($480 million) to a number of banks and other financial institutions.

Korea Industrial Development has been suffering from a downturn in construction as hundreds of its apartments remains unsold.

The company's cash-flow problems deepened last year when it took over three other ailing Hyundai Group affiliates, including Hyundai Aluminum Co., Hyundai Livart and Shin Daehan.

With a 29.57-percent stake, Hyundai Heavy Industries is the largest shareholder of Korea Industrial Development, with the rest owned by other Hyundai affiliates and general shareholders. *AFP*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End-2000 BOP deficit hits $1.018B

By Clarissa S. Batino

NO SUBSTANTIAL improvement in the country's external accounts and dollar reserves are seen this year as the balance-of-payments position registered a deficit of $1.018 billion in end-December last year from the $918-million deficit the previous month.

Official documents also showed that while the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas believed the gross international reserves would improve to $16 billion this year, a wprst-case GIR scenario of $14.5 billion was also offered by the central bank.

The BSP expected a slight turnaround this year in the BOP position to a surplus of less than $100 million.

The same documents showed the current account position last year yielded a surplus of $8.06 billion, up by $463 million from the end-November level. The country posted a BOP surplus of $3.84 billion and current account surplus of $7.652 billion in 1999.

Dollar reserves of $15.01 billion as of end-December last year almost matched the 1999 level of $15 billion.

The GIR, however, is expected to have deteriorated to slightly below $14 billion in February as it was used to settle $200 million in debts of the cash-strapped National Power Corp. in January and $400 million in BSP obligations last month.

A BOP surplus means there were more fund inflow than outflow in the country's course of transacting with other countries and bilateral creditors.

A current account surplus indicates strong export earnings against what had been spent for imports.

The GIR tells the country's ability to pay for its imports and a $16-billion target reserves this year could pay for 4.2 months' worth of imported goods and services.

The central bank had said that improved investor sentiment following the installation of a new administration should push both direct and portfolio investments up. Thus, the balance-of-payment should improve.

"Based on our estimates, the BOP would post a surplus of less than $100 million largely because of improved sentiment, which would tame the deficit if not completely turn around the numbers on financial accounts," a BSP official said.

The BOP, the current account and the gross international reserves are indicators of the country's economic health.

As of end-December last year, foreign direct investments hit $1.428 billion, slightly lower than the previous month's level of $1.483 billion but higher than the year-ago figure, the documents showed.

Analysts said a stable peso-dollar rate this year would help the BSP achieve its target of hitting $16 billion in dollar reserves since there would be less pressure for the central bank to dip its hands into the GIR to intervene in the foreign exchange market.

A $16-billion reserves could be the highest ever for the BSP although the GIR briefly hit a high of $16 billion in February to March last year, propped up by loan inflows.

The country's dollar reserves was at its lowest during the time of the Aquino administration when it hit a mere $2 billion, although that was sufficient to finance four months of imports at that time.

The GIR inched up to $4.5 billion in 1991, to $8.8 billion in 1997 and $10.8 billion in 1998.

COUNTRY OFFICE AT THE ADB

President Macapagal waves to employees of the Asian Development Bank after gracing the inauguration of the Philippine country office at the Manila-based multilateral lending agency. Accompanying the chief executive is ADB president Tadao Chino. JOAN BONDOC

Pilipinas shell suffered P1.06-B net loss in 2000

By Ronnel W. Domingo

INDUSTRY giant Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. suffered a P1.06 billion net loss in 2000, a far cry from its 1999 net income of P800 million.

Pilipinas Shell vice president Reynaldo Gamboa blamed the setback on the steep rise of crude prices and the deterioration of the peso value against the dollar.

Crude prices rose from as low as $15 per barrel to a high of $32 in 2000. The peso was trading at 49.80 to the dollar at the end of the year.

Gamboa said in an interview that Shell was not profitable because it was not able to pass on the increasing prices of crude to consumers.

"We also noticed that the total fuel demand in 2000 was 9 percent lower than in 1999," he said.

The official said Pilipinas Shell wanted to at least go back to a level of profitability this year. To do this, Shell must maintain a return on rate base of 8-9 percent.

Gamboa added that there were no indications that sales in 2001 would be higher than last year's.

He said their capital expenditure for 2001 would be 15-20 percent lower than the "regular level." Shell's capex for 2000 was P1 billion, which it raised through internally generated funds.

"Our thrust is toward cost efficiency and to make it continue," he said.

Shell's overall market share in the industry was 34 percent in 2000.

Gamboa said they were "happy to maintain this, since competition has been difficult specially with the new players like Total (Petroleum Philippines).

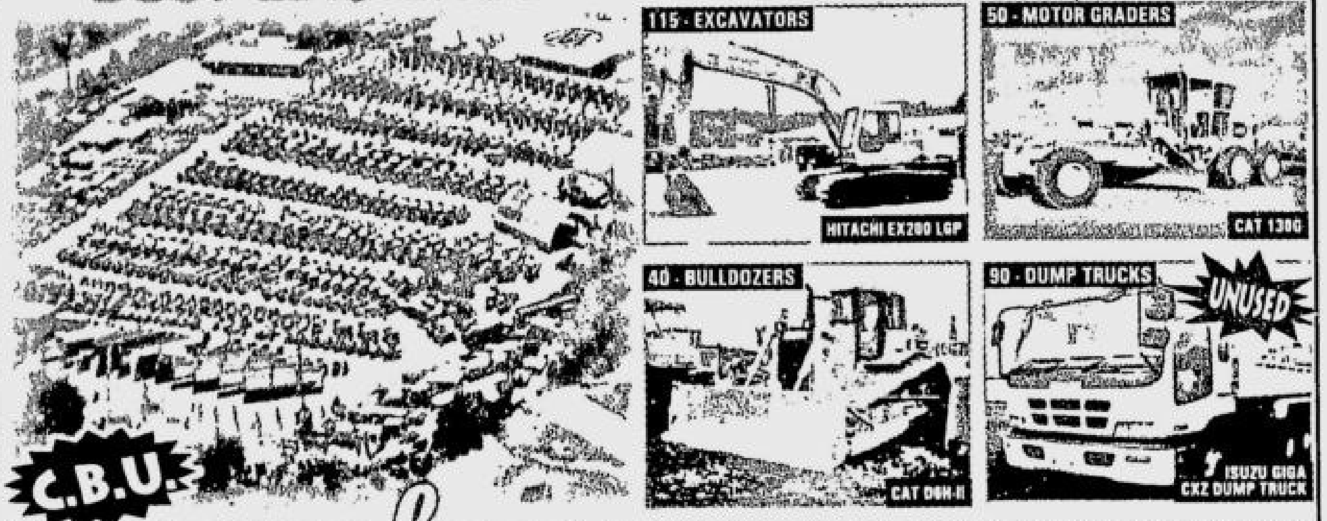
Among the new players in the local oil industry, Total has the biggest investment.

The country's second largest oil firm hopes to recover losses this year as world crude prices soften, although this has been going up since January. Crude prices in February was $2.60 higher than in January.

Gamboa said they were hoping that the incidents in the Middle East would not prevent crude prices from stabilizing.

He was referring to the United States and Britain's bombing of certain areas in Iraq. Local petroleum players have raised concerns that the situation would trigger volatility in the world crude prices.

On the other hand, the Shell official observed that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries would not implement further cuts in oil production if crude prices stay within the $25-$27 per barrel range.



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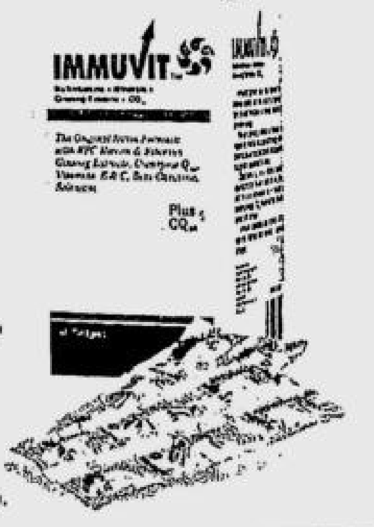

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If US economy slows, RP may grind to a halt

BY GIL C. CABACUNGAN JR.

THE PHILIPPINES is the most vulnerable among major Asean countries to an imminent slowdown in the US economy this year, according to former International Monetary Fund official Hubert Neiss.

In a speech during the Philippine Business Outlook 2001 sponsored by the Knowledge Institute, Neiss, currently chair of Deutsche Bank Asia, said that while there was an opportunity to restore lasting investor confidence, it would depend on the global economy and on the economic policies of the new government.

Neiss noted that the global economy has slowed down with the US leading the fall and this would significantly reduce demand for Asian exports.

"Since exports account for a large share of GDP (gross domestic product) in most Asian countries—in the Philippines over 50 percent—this will have a strong impact on the domestic economy," he said.

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TOBER BETOY JOHNSON

CEO shuns new theories for old-fashioned caring in managing his people

BY ELENA R. TORRIJOS

KIMBERLY-CLARK Philippines Inc. president and chief executive Robert Tober can't stress enough the value of caring.

He says that fads on management theories and programs come and go but he has stuck to a tried and tested principle. He has learned it is best to motivate people "by treating them as equals and valuing their thoughts and opinions."

MANAGEMENT STYLES

In his first few months in office here three years ago, Tober made it a point to invite employees and officials to his office. Many of. them had never stepped into the company president's office before then. He befriended them, inquiring about their family and interests.

He also insisted that they call him Bob although he is hardly called by his nickname as most Filipinos balk at being overly familiar with a superior.

"I try to be approachable and not intimidating," Tober says.

Since he took over the reins of the manufacturing company, KCPI has sent a record number of executives to overseas conferences and coaching and training programs abroad. Tober cites the need to give people exposure to other ways of doing things.

He describes his management style as being highly participative, wherein he tries to draw out people to discuss and share their views rather than dictating what they should do.

He notes that the "caring" value is one that resonates within the entire organization of Kimberly-Clark Corp., the world's leading tissue maker and the second largest household and personal care products company in the US.

In the Philippines, the firm is well known for its Kleenex and Joy tissue brands and Huggies diapers.

A native of Ohio, where he became a certified public accountant, Tober has spent most of the past two decades in Asia. After finishing a masters in business administration and finance in the University of Toledo in 1973, he worked in the National City Bank of his home state and then at KPMG Peat Marwick.

Starting in 1984, he began work at The Coca-Cola Co., which assigned him to Bangkok, Thailand, where he met his wife Mo, with whom he has three kids. Prior to his present position, Tober was executive vice president of Kimberly-Clark's Korean operations, Yuhan Kimberly Ltd.

Tober reveals that he refused to move to the Philippine office unless e-mail infrastructure was established on a company-wide level. At that time, KCPI was still using outdated typewriters and faxes to communicate with overseas offices. The advent of e-mail raised the local unit's efficiency level.

He explains his biggest challenge is to get people to communicate their ideas and plans and, if these oppose or differ from one another, to come to a consensus on the direction to take.

He also tells his people that it is okay to make mistakes and learn from them, but not to repeat them. He wants everyone to know how to take "intelligent risks."

Among the other values that Kimberly-Clark prizes and fosters in its people are superior per-

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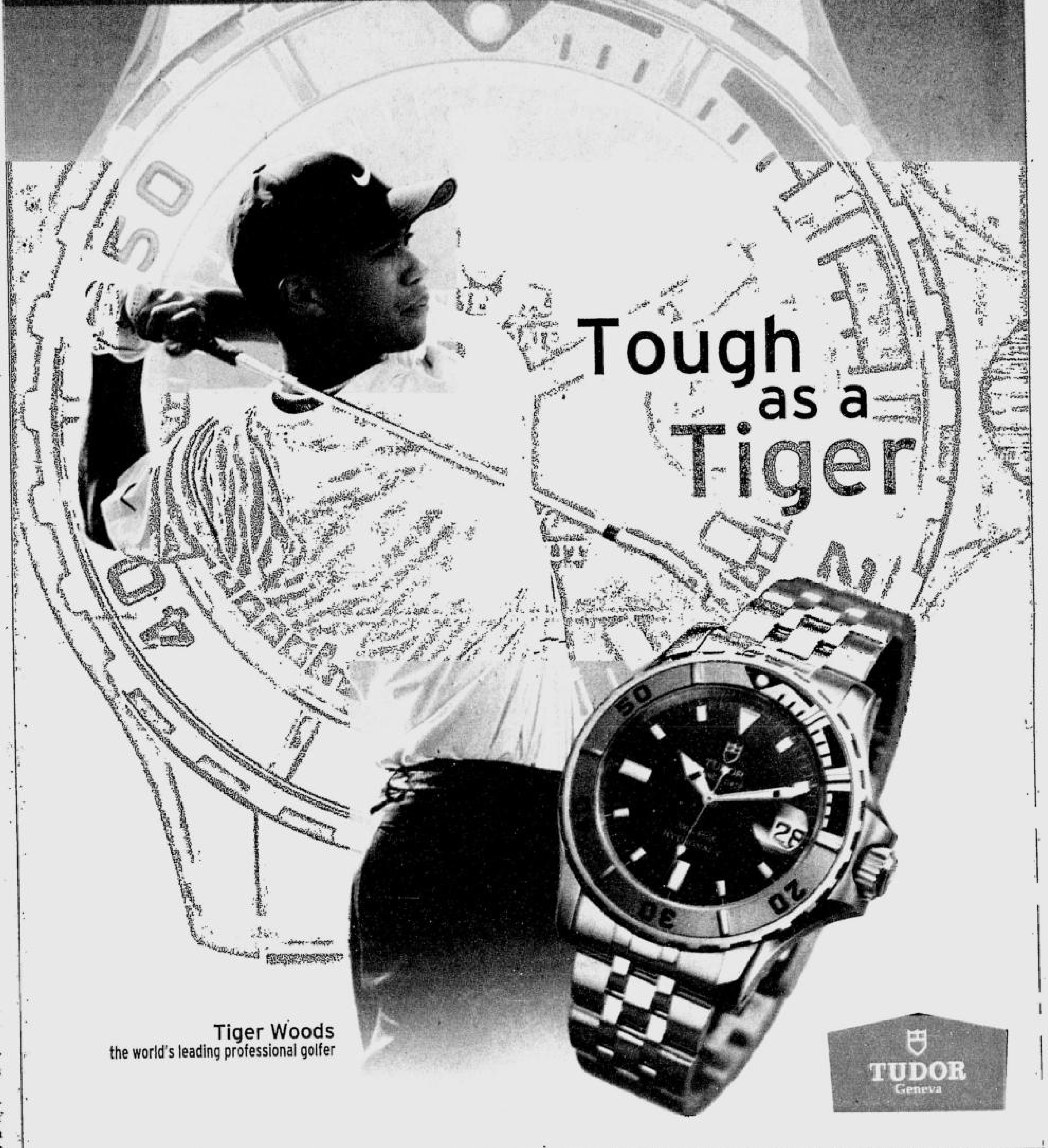

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Goods, services, illusions and commissions

MAPPING THE FUTURE

Manuel A. Alcuaz Jr.

PEOPLE and organizations buy goods, services and illusions. Men like to think they are less swayed by marketing hype and sales pressure, and that as a result, they get more goods and services for their money.

Sometimes men laugh at how many women pay for illusions for their makeup and accessories. How much is the real cost of face powder (really consisting of crushed rock) versus the cost of packaging promotion, advertising and selling.

However, men, corporations and government do pay a lot of money for illusions. What is the real difference in transportation functionality, comfort, etc. between a Honda Civic and Honda Accord? Between a Honda Accord and a Mercedes Benz?

In buying personal items using one's own money, you should have the privilege of paying a lot of money for illusions. However, in making purchasing decisions for organizations, there should be a process to assure that the organization gets its money's worth in goods and services that are needed by the organization, and that little money is wasted on illusions and commissions.

There are two types of commissions. Commissions paid to sales people are important incentives that are there to motivate them to work harder. Commissions that are paid to the organization's decision makers, influencers, and/or analysts are bad. These are forms of graft and corruption, which harm organizations, the government and eventually the country.

Making the proper selection, particularly for large capital acquisitions that are infrequently made, is very difficult. If you make a poor choice, you may end up having paid a lot of commissions and very little for goods and services that you can use.

In order to assure that you get your money's worth, you must first of all understand what you need. This takes a little time, effort and intelligence and should not be done in a haphazard manner.

This understanding will help you to determine what your budget should be, which vendors to invite, and what to ask vendors to propose for.

Involve your key managers and prospective users in determining your requirements. Simply because you sit on the board of directors does not automatically give you the power to divine your organization's requirements by simply picking a few brilliant ideas from the top of your head!

Invite a number of vendors who have the products and services to meet your requirements in a cost-effective manner. A fundamental rule in decision-making is to evaluate a number of alternatives. If you just look at one alternative, you may end up purchasing something that is not suitable for you.

Based on your requirements, you should develop a professional set of criteria to help you select the most cost-effective alternative.

In the evaluation of computer systems and application software, I usually suggest the following criteria: (1) Functionality, (2) Ease of Use and Learning, (3) Integration, (4) Reliability and Availability, (5) Support, (6) Modifiability and Enhanceability, (7) Technology, and (8) Cost-effectiveness.

You should give your requirements and criteria to your prospective vendors. Ask vendors to submit written proposals on how they will meet your requirements and what the cost of hardware, software, services, etc. will be.

If there are too many vendors, make a short list of vendors who will be given the opportunity to make presentations and demos. Key decision-makers, managers and users should be involved in the vendor presentations and demos to ask questions and to subsequently do the evaluation.

After all the short-listed vendors have finished, an evaluation should be made comparing the various vendors in terms of the criteria and the costs.

The process I have just described takes time and effort but it does not require superhuman intelligence or deep technical knowledge. If followed fairly closely, this process can guarantee that your organization will get its money's worth in terms of goods and services, which will lead to real benefits for your organization.

But there are instances in which a professional process is not followed. The result can be throwing away a lot of money on illusions, commissions and goods and services that you do not need.

I will now recount the story of a recent computer application acquisition by a sports club. The club will end up wasting P4.5 million from the mistake of the director in charge and the board of directors, which failed to exercise due diligence. Hopefully, some of those reading this article may avoid making the same fatal mistakes.

The sports club had been evaluating the acquisition of computer applications for several months. The club management had gone through a thorough evaluation process. They even used an IT consultant to help in the evaluation. After much study the general manager submitted his recommendation to the board.

However, before the board made its decision, a new board was elected. The new board designated a senior director to take charge of the computer application selection. The director in charge either did not read or simply ignored the general manager's earlier recommendation. He apparently had little or no experience in purchasing computer applications.

His primary criteria for selection was that he would buy the "Mercedes Benz" of the software industry. Another criteria that the club had was that they would buy all their applications from a single vendor.

The director apparently did not study the club's requirements. He favored a leading hotel application vendor to give a presentation to the board. And subsequently, recommended the acquisition of about P7.5 million worth of hardware and software from the vendor.

The recommendation was made and approved by the board, even prior to studying the other two vendors' proposals. If this were done by a purchasing manager, he would have been fired. But boards of directors in sports clubs tend to behave like an old boy's club rather than as a professional policy and decision-making body.

Directors in clubs and associations tend to micro manage. Instead of letting management and staff make a thorough study and then review the recommendation, they jump in and make a subjective decision without proper study.

In this particular case, the difference between the chosen vendor and the two other vendors was about P4.5 million. The chosen vendor's total price was P7.5 million. The two other vendors' price was about P3 million. Unfortunately, this P4.5-million difference was not made known to the board prior to its approval. Why? It's anybody's guess.

Given the huge difference in price, the bias for the winning vendor could possibly have been for personal reasons. However, given the director's

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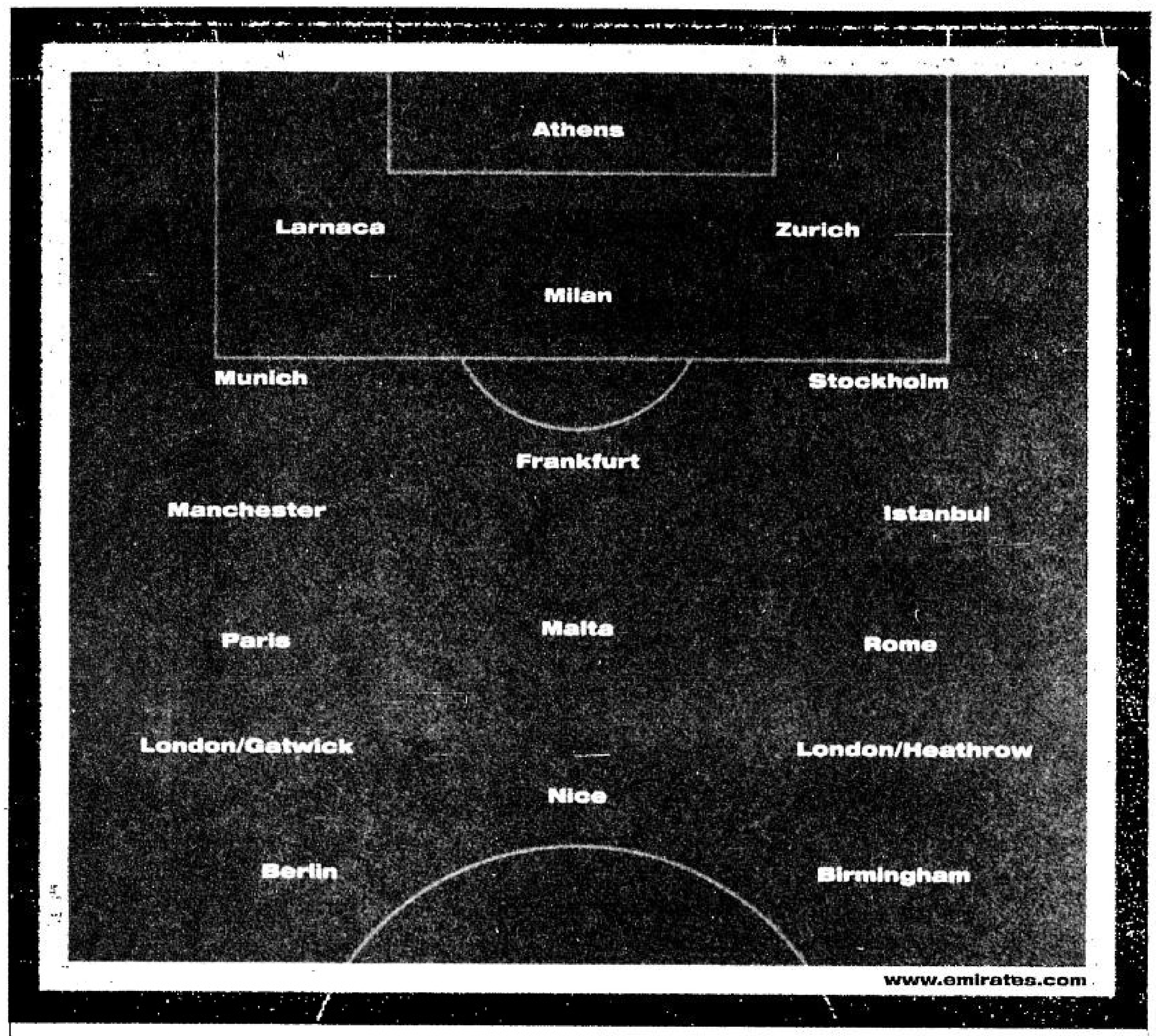

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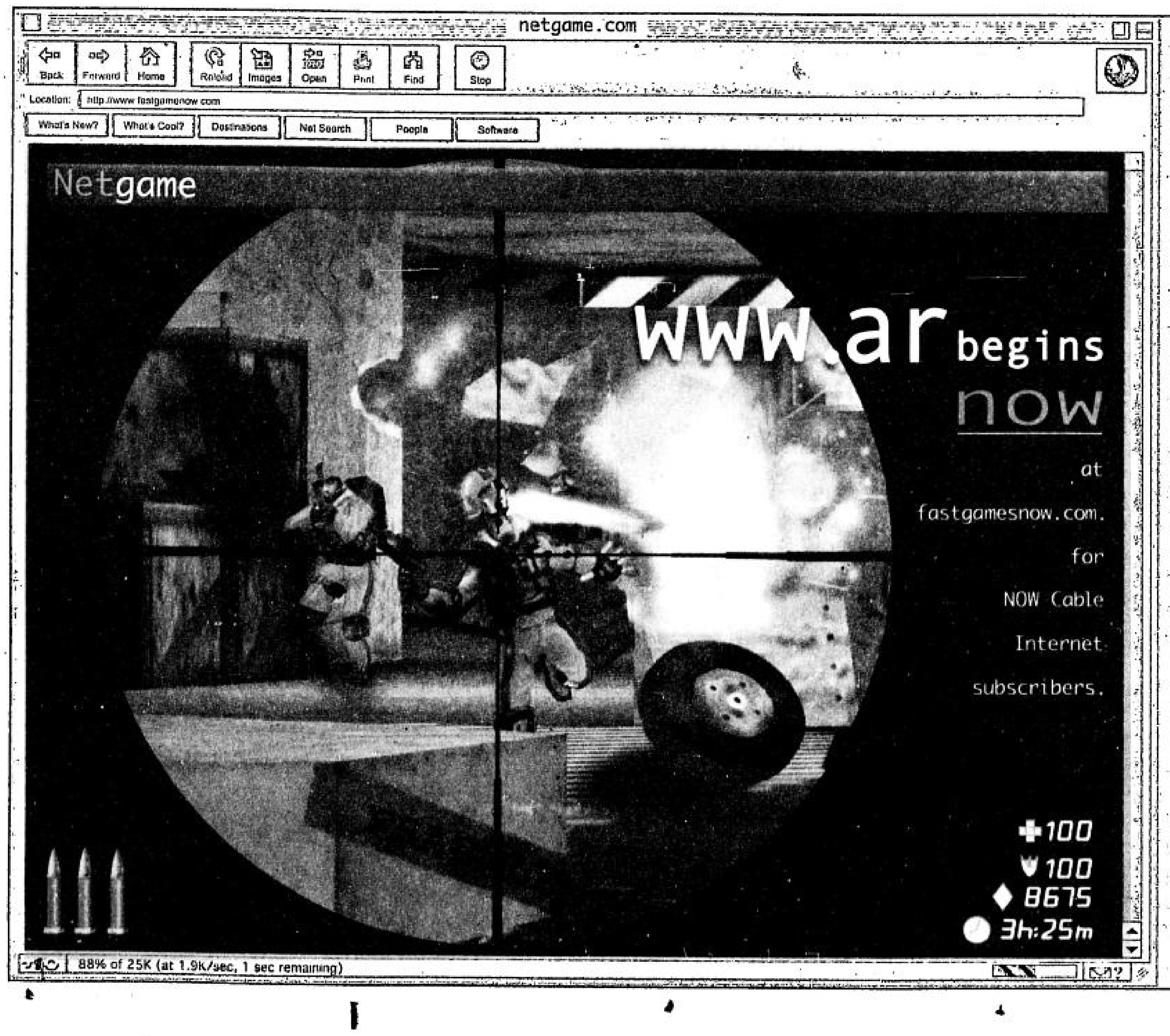

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Government by plunder can no longer last

BY DENNIS M. ARROYO

WE HAVE this term in economics called an "unstable equilibrium." Put simply, it's a situation that can't last for long.

I contend that a kleptocracy, a government led by thieves, will have to be an unstable equilibrium. It can't survive for many years.

The following ingredients are needed to cook up a kleptocracy. They are: a climate of fear, a network of crony allies fed by the spoils of corruption, a gagged press, and an acquiescent people.

The classic case, even worse than the Estrada administration, was the dictatorship of Ferdinand Marcos.

Recall how it seemed impossible to defeat the dictator. In that dark September night of 1972, soldiers closed Congress and padlocked the outspoken papers of the day. They seized political enemies of Marcos and detained them in Bicutan.

Marcos set out to strengthen his military machine. He more than doubled the size of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. In 1972, the AFP numbered 62,715 men. By 1976, it had expanded to 142,450. He expanded his security force, the Presidential Security Group, as well as the National Intelligence and Security Agency or Nisa.

Spoils to cronies

Marcos distributed the spoils of rule to his friends and generals. They were appointed to government-owned corporations. Certain top brass were put in control of public utilities, the steel industry and the media. Officers were rewarded with prime real estate and luxury houses.

Marcos put the entire sugar industry under a common procurement and marketing arm. The same with the coconut industry. Both were awarded to his cronies. He also wrote decrees that forced some family-owned corporations to go public.

Marcos' decrees were the last word in law, thanks to Amendment 6 of the 1973 Constitution he imposed. This charter was not even properly ratified. Then came the paper "lifting" martial law in 1981 and a fake presidential election.

The dictator gathered his allies into the behemoth Kilusang Bagong Lipunan, which wielded immense resources and power. The KBL controlled 69 out of 73 provincial governments. Free votes? Marcos appointed most of the commissioners of the Commission on Elections.

Even the Supreme Court had to bow to Marcos. After 1981, he still asserted his right to have people arrested without a warrant or a trial. He could prevent the release of those detained even after the courts dismissed the charges.

Media choked on the tight grip of the regime. After putting the country under martial law, Marcos seized TV stations and closed down free newspapers. The dailies allowed to exist, imposed their own self-censorship to retain their licenses.

Voice of freedom

Contrast the forces of repression with the tiny voice of freedom. There arose the opposition "mosquito press," starting with We Forum and Malaya—both padlocked intermittently.

The free media grew bolder and bigger. Mr. & Ms., a weekly magazine, gave birth to the activist Mr. & Ms. Special Edition. Edited by Letty Magsanoc, its circulation hit the roof, for Filipinos were hungry for uncensored news.

Eugenia Apostol, the founder of the brave magazine, created another media hit. The Philippine Daily Inquirer would later haunt another corrupt president.

Cause-oriented groups fought tyranny even in the deepest darkness of martial law. Few and scattered at first, they struggled patiently across the years. They documented cases of torture, visited prisoners, and attended to the families of the salvaged. With time they took to the streets.

Then came the assassination of Ninoy Aquino in 1983. Mourning was electric, as two million Filipinos joined the funeral march for the martyr. Activist groups multiplied and harvested a great many members. People attended rallies more and more frequently. Diverse groups united under giant alliances. Media became more outspoken. Opposition political parties won more seats in the legislature.

Fight between good and evil

Marcos did the unexpected in late 1985: he announced snap presidential elections for February 1986. This spurred the opposition to unite under Ninoy's widow, Cory Aquino. Namfrel mobilized 500,000 volunteers to guard the elections, some of whom died in the line of duty.

Jaime Cardinal Sin called the event, "a fight between the forces of good and the forces of evil, a fight between the children of the light and the children of darkness." The Catholic Church declared the polls "unparalleled" in their fraudulence. Cory Aquino battled on in a campaign of boycotts and civil disobe-

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If US economy slows, RP may grind to a halt

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Data provided by the US Department of Commerce showed that Philippine exports to the US climbed 13 percent to $13.937 billion last year while its imports from the US surged 22 percent to $8.79 billion.

Neiss said: "A large part of Philippine exports, even more than in other Asian countries, is going to the US market where the downturn is more pronounced, and will therefore, be hit more strongly."

Neiss said the prevalence of electronics in the country's total exports (accounting for roughly 60 percent) could further impair the Philippines' export performance as sales of electronic products and telecommunication gadgets are the most affected by the downward cycle.

The Economic Intelligence Unit had earlier estimated that more than half of the country's exports are shipped both directly as finished products and indirectly as components of electronic products which would make the Philippines more susceptible to a recession in the US than what the figures suggest.

Neiss said the Philippine economic outlook also hinges on the lending conditions in the international market, higher oil prices, higher domestic inflation and more difficult inflation.

On the plus side, Neiss said the Philippines should be more resilient to unfavorable external conditions with its substantial surplus of external current account (9.5 percent of GDP), international reserves at comfortable levels (5.5 months of imports), manageable short-term external debt, and declining interest rates.

With the onset of a new administration, Deutsche Bank has upgraded its GDP growth forecast for the Philippines from 1.8 percent to between 2.5 percent and 3.5 percent this year.

Neiss, however, stressed the importance of maintaining investors' confidence by reigniting the momentum of reform; solving the country's chronic budget deficit problems; safeguarding the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas independence; and preserving the open foreign exchange system.

"The reform process must go ahead and the political stability preserved," Neiss said.

"If a full restoration of confidence can be achieved through credible up-front actions, and if there is no serious global recession—most people don't expect one—we can look at the Philippine economic outlook for this year with a measure of confidence," Neiss added.

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formance and teamwork.

Tober says that one of the things he learned from his boss in Korea was to never sit back and accept things, but instead to always set new sights.

"We're already a leader, but this because we are not complacent. While we're good, we can do better by anticipating changes in the environment," he adds.

Tober's vision for KCPI, in line with the international corporate vision, is to have the local unit recognized as among the best companies in the country.

In fact, the Philippines is one of several countries being considered by Kimberly-Clark Corp. to be the regional manufacturing site for Southeast Asia. Should the country be selected, additional investments of $60 million would be made during the next five years, which would create additional jobs and generate exports of about $50 million in the next five years and $100 million in the next 10 years.

KCPI currently provides jobs to more than 900 employees, mostly residents of San Pedro, Laguna. Last year, the company achieved net sales of P4.8 billion.

KCPI has also embarked on several development programs, among them the "Starting Right" Feminine Hygiene Education Program that teaches young girls proper feminine care.

KCPI has also worked with the Integrated Midwives Association of the Philippines to provide educational grants to member midwives whose children want to pursue midwifery but don't have enough money.

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GUILLERMO Luchangco, Oscar Lopez and Raul T. Concecpcion share a laugh.

FELINO Palafox Jr. of Palafox Associates,Corazon Claudio and financial analyst Guillermo Luchangco are on hand for the fete in honor of Lopez.

CORAZON Claudio, Ed Ferreira of Pharmacare Laboratories, Nestlé Phils. Inc. president Juan Santos and Ric Pascua.

Traditionally quiet Lopez makes loud call for change

WHEN Oscar M. Lopez, patriarch of the Lopez group of companies, accepted the prestigious Management Man of the Year Award last January, he issued the controversial statement that called for President Macapagal-Arroyo to follow through on her promise that she will lead a moral revolution following Edsa II.,

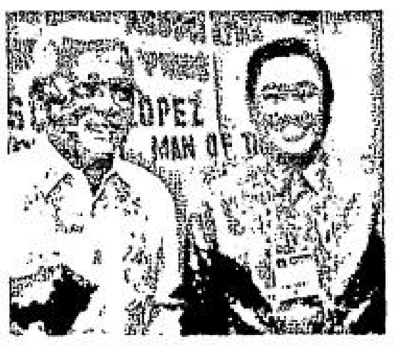
The statement was met by cheers from the business community but jeers from some people who felt that Lopez did not do enough during the revolution to be in a position to ask anything from the President.

Lopez, however, said during the cocktails hosted in his honor by the INQUIRER that he knew he had it coming and he still stands by his statement.

"I really do mean every word I said in my acceptance speech, and despite the fears about how (newspapers) might pick it up, I insisted on saying just that," he says.

"First of all, I honestly believe that if Edsa II happened, it is because Edsa I failed to achieve its basic objective of not only ousting the Marcoses from power, but of punishing them and making them the object lesson of what happens to political leaders of the country who violated the trust reposed on them by the people," he adds.

Lopez says during the cocktails that he was glad that Macapagal showed during her first month in office that she was on her way to creating the conditions to make the moral revolution possible.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"I am glad too that President Macapagal-Arroyo agrees this means throwing all the rascals in jail and recasting the bureaucracy to reflect a system based on merit rather than political patronage," he says.

"Based on what I have seen so far, it seems President Macapagal-Arroyo is providing the country the kind of leadership we need to get us out of the rut we found ourselves in after almost three years of Mr. Estrada's amoral leadership," Lopez says.

Lopez stresses that Edsa II was a moral revolution that we must all follow through. And like all upheavals there comes after a process of rebuilding, on which the head of the Lopez Group of Companies has set his sights.

As Management Association of the Philippines president Ricardo S. Pascua explains, rebuilding is not a strange concept for the man whom his colleagues cite "for turning a virtually bankrupt First Philippine Holdings Corp. into a financially healthy and prominently diversified company."

Pascua says Lopez was chosen for the award in recognition of his over four decades of experience in the total practice of management including strategic thinking, project development, business management, rehabilitation and turnaround situations, political environment of business and human resource development.

THE LOW-KEY Oscar Lopez says he rarely goes out but makes an exception for the INQUIRER.
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Lopez presides over a business network consisting of 159 corporations with a combined workforce of 18,000. The Lopez Group has consolidated assets totaling P96 billion and a consolidated net worth of P14 billion.

Lopez explained during the cocktails that he was not visible during the Edsa II revolution (which gave one letter writer the wrong impression that he kept quiet during the struggle against Estrada) because he and his siblings are very low key persons, preferring to spend time with family instead of going the rounds of cocktail parties.

"Specifically on the matter of Mr. Estrada, we have the added complication of having one of Manolo's (his brother Manuel who heads the Manila Electric Co.) sons married to the former president's daughter. At the very least, good manners dictate that we said and did nothing in public that will embarrass Beaver or place him in an untenable position," he explained.

Lopez, however, said that his children and most of his nephews and his nieces were present during the rallies even before the Edsa revolution. His sister Precy was also in Edsa that Friday when the military withdrew its support from Mr. Estrada.

LOPEZ receives the INQUIRER's traditional gift to MAP awardees—a caricature drawn by the the paper's chief cartoonist, Jess Abrera.

INQUIRER chair Marixi Prieto welcomes SGV's Cesar Purisima, Lopez group strategist Christian Monsod and Mila Santos.

"My contribution to the effort necessarily had to be a private matter since I also have my responsibilities as head of the Lopez group which includes thousands of employees and stockholders whose interests may be adversely affected if my political sentiments were made public," he said.

Lopez also stressed that his family knows first hand how it is like to be persecuted by an unworthy regime. His late brother Geny was imprisoned for five years and his father died a broken man away from home in San Francisco.

"If only because of our experience under martial law, we are totally committed to the cause of freedom, democracy and public service that's honest and totally committed," he said. *Tina Arceo-Dumlao and Ronnel W. Domingo*

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Fortune cites Citigroup 'Most Admired Money Center'

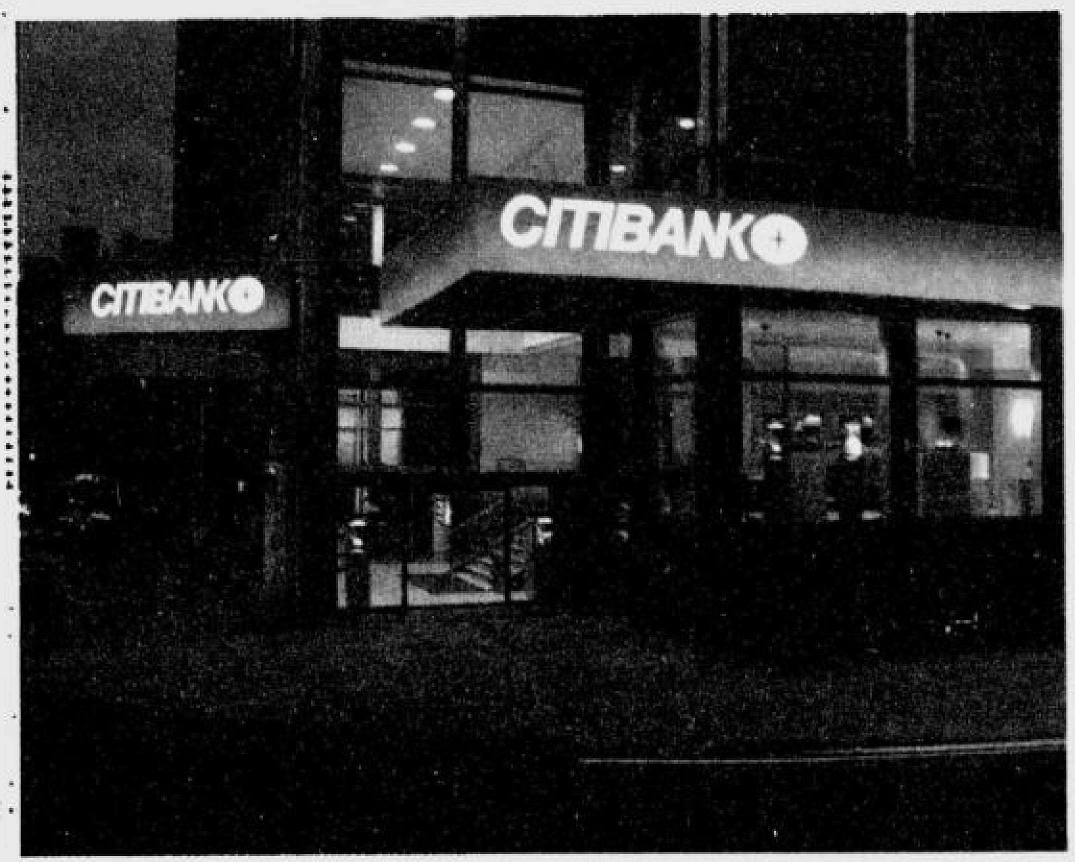
FOR THE THIRD consecutive year, Fortune Magazine ranked Citigroup as the Most Admired Money Center Bank after it gained the highest score in its annual survey. Fortune's list of America's Most Admired Companies is a definitive report card on corporate reputations.

In the Money Center Banks Industry, Citigroup ranked above Chase Manhattan, JP Morgan, Bank of New York and Bank of America.

The winners were chosen from the 1,000 largest US companies and the 25 largest US subsidiaries of foreign-owned firms. Sorted by industry, only the ten largest in each industry were selected, which constituted 61 groups. Companies that ranked 11 to 25 were not eligible for evaluation, but their executives were asked to vote for the top companies in their respective industries.

To create the top ten list, 10,000 executives, directors and security analysts were polled by Clarke Martire & Bartolomeo to select the five companies they admired most regardless of industry. The group was asked to choose from a list containing the companies that ranked among the top 25 percent in last year's survey. The list also included firms that ranked below the first 25 percent overall but finished in the top 20 percent in their industry.

Every company in the top ten list was rated on the following key attributes: quality of management; quality of products and services; innovativeness; long-term investment value; financial soundness; employee talent; social responsibility; and use of corporate assets. Citigroup received very high marks in six of these categories, particularly in the areas of long-term investment value and use of corporate assets where it was rated no.1.



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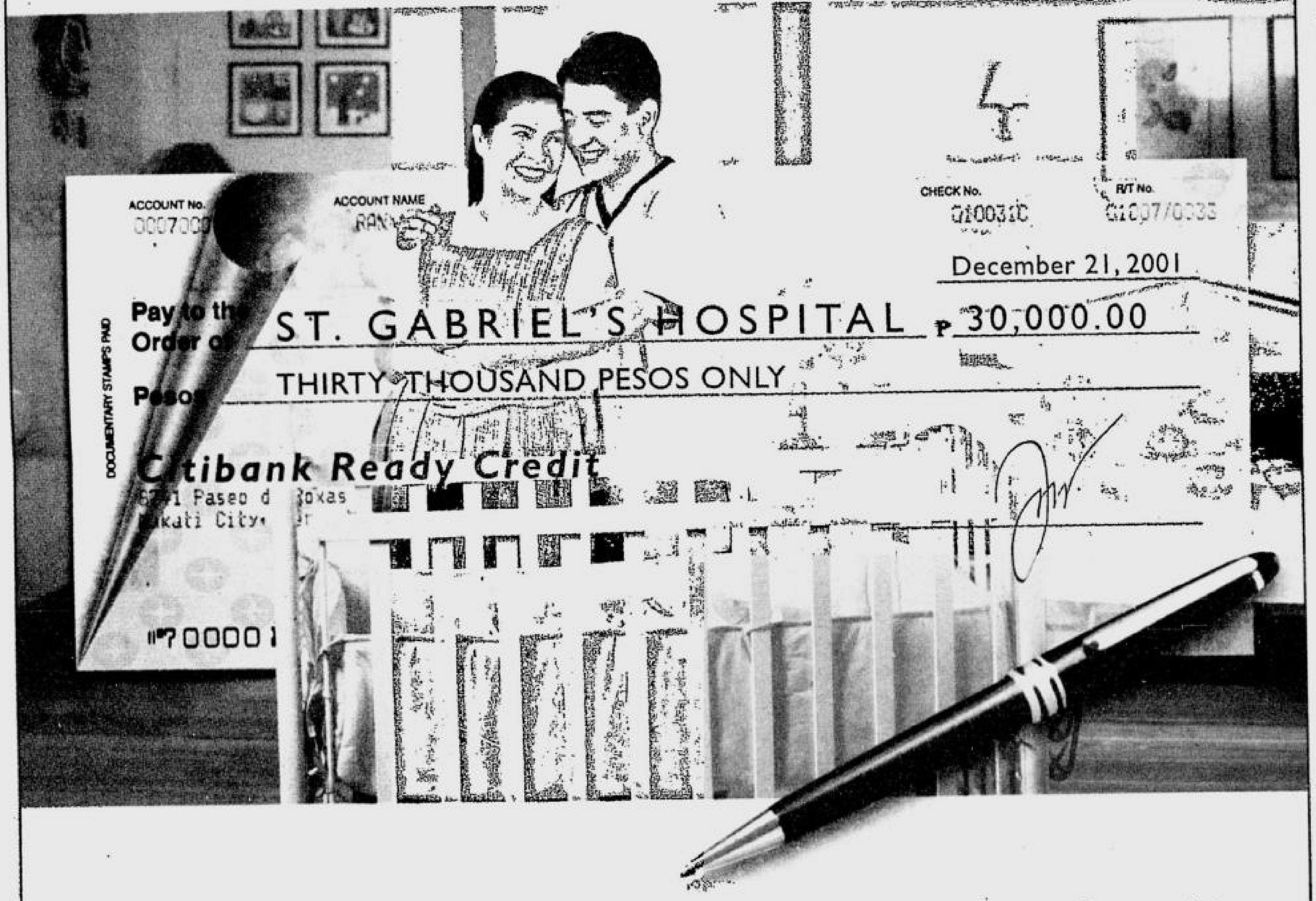

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convenience of transacting business online. With CitiPhone and CitiDirect, clients can inquire on their balances, transfer funds and pay bills 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Citibank is also the largest issuer of credit cards in the industry, with more than 700,000 active credit cardholders. Citibank credit cardholders enjoy acceptance in over 14 million establishments around the world, and access to 550,000 ATM machines for cash advances.

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It pioneered in awarding loyalty and frequent usage by credit cardholders with the Citibank Rewards program. All expenses on the Citibank Silver and Gold Visa and MasterCard earn Rewards points which can be redeemed for free items as well as frequent flyer miles convertible to free trips abroad. Shell Citibank Mastercard users get fuel rebates, while Citibank Cathay Pacific Visa members earn Asia Miles towards free flights or upgrades.

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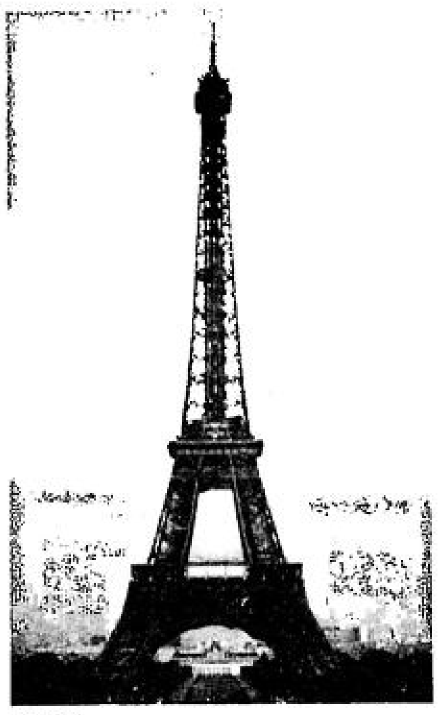

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Teaming up with four airlines, one cruise line, and 13 travel agencies, Citibank promises to give you value for your money. Enjoy discounts on airfare and tour packages, and absolutely no surcharge when paying with your Citibank credit card from March 9 until July 31, 2001.

"Travel is one area where people still prefer cash, because they normally get slapped a surcharge," explained Sari Pascual, assistant vice president for credit cards marketing. "But for our Travel Promotion, all the participating travel agencies will not add a surcharge when you pay with your Citibank credit card and that allows for substantial savings."

PayLite your vacation

Cardholders may also opt to avail of the PayLite Installment Plan and enjoy reduced interest rates. "This is designed to give our customers more flexibility in their travel budgets. You may want to take your family to enjoy Disney's California Adventure but only have the funds for an Asian tour. With PayLite, you can go ahead and treat your family in Disneyland's newest theme park for as little as US$228 a month for 24 months," related Pascual.

Double Rewards points

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As with all purchases made on Citibank credit cards, cardholders will earn Rewards points. But for the duration of the Travel Promotion, double Rewards points await cardholders who will purchase their tickets or tour packages with any of the 13 travel agencies tied-up with Citibank for the promotion. Gold credit cardholders are also entitled to double rewards points for overseas transactions. Plus, they have free access to the Northwest Lounge in NAIA and in 21 other airport locations worldwide for them and one companion.

Free travel insurance

Citibank product manager Patty Henson related cardholders can have free travel insurance protection. "By charging your travel expenses to your Citibank credit card, you get free travel accident insurance up to P10 million and free travel inconvenience protection for delayed or lost luggage and delayed or cancelled flight of up to P42,000," explained Henson. While most people take these for granted, those who have experienced being stranded in an airport because of a cancelled flight or having to wait for their luggage to arrive two days after they did will no doubt welcome these benefits.

When you've decided on where you're taking your vacation, don't forget to bring your Citibank credit card – accepted in 14 million establishments in over 100 countries worldwide. You also have access to over 550,000 ATM facilities for cash emergencies and with its high credit lines, charge away with your shopping, dining and tour expenses. "And with all the Rewards points you earn, you can exchange these for frequent flyer miles with our partners and maybe get next year's vacation for free," added Henson.

Beyond banking . . .

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what to do with your money. We ask you first what you want to have five, ten years down the line and help you achieve these goals," declared Aileen Vallesteros, Citibank's product manager.

Priority Banking – here and abroad

There's another plus. "CitiGold clients have their own priority banking center," pointed out Vallesteros. "They have a private tellering area, and while we process their transactions, they can sit on the sofa, sip coffee or drink ice tea and browse the papers or magazines." Moreover, this priority status is extended to you not only in the branch where you opened your account but in all CitiGold Centers. "Enjoy Priority Banking in six Citigold Centers in the Philippines and in over a thousand key cities around the world," invited Vallesteros.

CitiGold clients also get an early crack on Citibank's new products, services and investment opportunities. And they are assigned a team of Citigold executives to service their needs exclusively. "This team will be familiar with all your financial needs whether its investment, banking, or credit card-related. That team also has a counterpart in Citiphone, who is just as qualified as the bank executives in the Citigold Centers," added Vallesteros.

Other perks include free travel accident and inconvenience insurance of up to US$500,000 and a rewards program where clients earn points to exchange for an array of exclusive gifts every time they make a deposit and increase their total relationship balance with Citibank.

Go says CitiGold customers who were previously with other banks are amazed when they are introduced to CitiGold Priority Banking. "It's a banking status that they deserve at this stage in their life," Go concluded.

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HBO appoints new CFO

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LEADING home entertainment provider HBO Asia is pleased to announce the promotion of vice president, finance and administration, Phillip Pang, to senior vice president, finance and administration and chief financial officer.

Pang will be responsible for the overall financial function of HBO Asia as well as planning and development of business activities.

Pang started in HBO Asia in 1992 as business planning manager and was promoted to vice president, finance in 1996. Having proved his abilities as a key company strategist and excellent financial manager, Pang's efforts were recognized and he was promoted to senior vice president, finance & administration, & chief financial officer in 2001.

Prior to joining HBO Asia, Pang held positions in finance, with several large multinational companies including, Ernst & Young and Coopers & Lybrand. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with honors from Acadia University in Canada.

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ONG

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Ong was formerly account manager, sales, of the Radio Corp. of Singapore. In his previous position, Ong helped develop new business and serviced key advertisers for the network of 11 radio stations in Singapore.

Ong was awarded the "Best Employee of the Year" in 2000. He has a degree in Computer and Information Services from the National University of Singapore.

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Goods, services, illusions and commissions

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wealth and social standing, I would assume that the mistake was because of arrogance and conceit combined with lack of time, very little understanding of technology, and failure to communicate with managers and users.

The director in charge did not have a thorough understanding of the club's requirements. He justified the vendor chosen because many hotels used its applications. He apparently did not understand that the hotels chose said vendor because of its superior hotel applications such as guest reservations, check in and registration, room billing, and check out. None of which are of any use to a sports club!

The vendor also provides POS systems and a food and beverage application, which the sports club needs for its outlets and food and beverage operation. Said vendor is, however, not the leader in sports clubs and restaurants.

The other vendors were not given any basis for their loss other than the club's desire to have the "Mercedes Benz."

Oh! I forgot one vendor was not favored because his POS system installed in one of the local hotels about 15 years ago was replaced! A decision-maker who was not biased and who understood computer technology would understand the POS systems are not supposed to last 15 years! That the hotel probably replaced its hotel system and as a result, it would need a new POS which could be integrated to the hotel system.

Finally, the director and the Board must have been very happy that they got all the applications from a single vendor.

However, they failed to realize that the single vendor is a company made up of two companies that merged a few years ago. While they have been able to integrate their applications with "tape and glue," the applications use different underlying technologies.

The applications were developed with three or four different languages and two to three different databases. The sports club will in the future have to pay substantial amounts for support and enhancement.

The moral of the story is that if you don't have the right people and don't use a good and transparent purchasing process, you may waste millions on illusions, commissions and, perhaps, not even get the goods and services you deserve.

(This article reflects the personal opinion of the author who is a member of Management Association of the Philippines, president of Systems Sciences Consult Inc. and member of the Board of Trustees of De La Salle University Professional Schools Inc. The MAP Secretariat and the author may be reached via mapsec@globe.com)

Polish shipyards go up-market to find success

GDYNIA, Poland—Twenty years ago, Polish shipyards were known for their unprecedented protests against communism, which led eventually to the collapse of the Iron Curtain. Now they are known simply for producing high-quality ships.

Turning around a heavily subsidized communist-era industry, which catered mainly to the whims of its Soviet clients, took years of tough cost-cutting, deals with creditor banks and a shift to building specialized vessels with higher margins.

Poland, now the world's fourth leading shipmaker with a $4-billion order portfolio, does not subsidize production like its main competitors in South Korea, Japan and the European Union.

In the mid-1990s, Polish yards nearly sank following the economic failure and political disintegration of the Soviet Union, which bought more than half of all its output.

Politicians frowned on privatizing the strongly unionized shipbuilding sector, largely because of its rich history of anti-government protests and poor financial standing, forcing the yards to start deep internal reforms and consolidate.

The first wave of reforms yielded strong shipbuilding hubs in Gdynia and Szczecin and a repair yard in Gdansk.

The Baltic Sea shipyards have successfully moved up market with their production—specializing in technically advanced chemical tankers and car ferries instead of mid-sized bulk carriers and fishing vessels.

"Our sector basically restructured by itself, without foreign investors or political factors. Perhaps this is why we have found such success," Janusz Szlanta, chief of the Gdynia yard (Stocznia Gdynia) told Reuters.

Gdynia has also tried to become one of eastern Europe's first firms to invest abroad, by buying Finland's ailing Masa-Yards from its Anglo-Norwegian owner Kvaerner.

If Gdynia succeeds in gaining a foothold in cruise-ship maker Masa-Yards, whose sale Kvaerner recently postponed, it would be capable of adjusting its specialized output to match demand on the cyclical global shipmaking market.

"With Masa-Yards, we would offer the broadest range of highly technical ships in the world," Szlanta said.

Poland's yards, especially Stocznia Gdanska, were in the forefront of a groundbreaking movement against communist oppression in the 1980s and its charismatic leader, shipyard electrician Lech Walesa, won the Nobel Peace prize.

At the Gdansk yard, Walesa created the Solidarity trade union, the first legalized noncommunist workers' group behind the Iron Curtain, which had divided Europe since World War II.

In 1989, the popular Solidarity movement toppled communism in Poland, laying the foundations for the unification of Germany later that year and the eventual disintegration of the Soviet Union in the early 1990s.

Paradoxically, the newly found democracy and switch to capitalism eliminated many of the subsidies and pay increases Solidarity had fought for, leaving the yards unprotected on the fiercely competitive waters of the global marketplace.

A slowdown of orders following the demise of the Soviet Union caused most yards to lose liquidity by 1996, despite much smaller labor costs than in developed countries. This forced the yards into debt-for-equity swaps with creditor banks.

As the shipbuilders returned slowly to the black by slashing spending and building upmarket, the yards' managements bought back the swapped shares from lenders.

The Gdansk yard, whose sweeping political presence inflated its administration—including union officials—to one-third of its then 12,000-strong workforce, could not reform quickly enough and collapsed under the weight of its loans in 1996.

Two years later, the neighboring Gdynia yard bought what was left of Gdansk for $32 million. Since the takeover, employment levels have increased by 50 percent to 3,900 workers.

Since 1990, the number of workers in Poland's top Gdynia, Gdansk and Szczecin yards combined fell 50 percent to 18,600. Analysts estimate that some 170,000 Poles make their living from the shipbuilding or ship-repair business.

To facilitate development, the Gdynia and Szczecin yards plan to tap capital markets and consolidate further to offset Poland's fast-rising labor costs, which over the last decade

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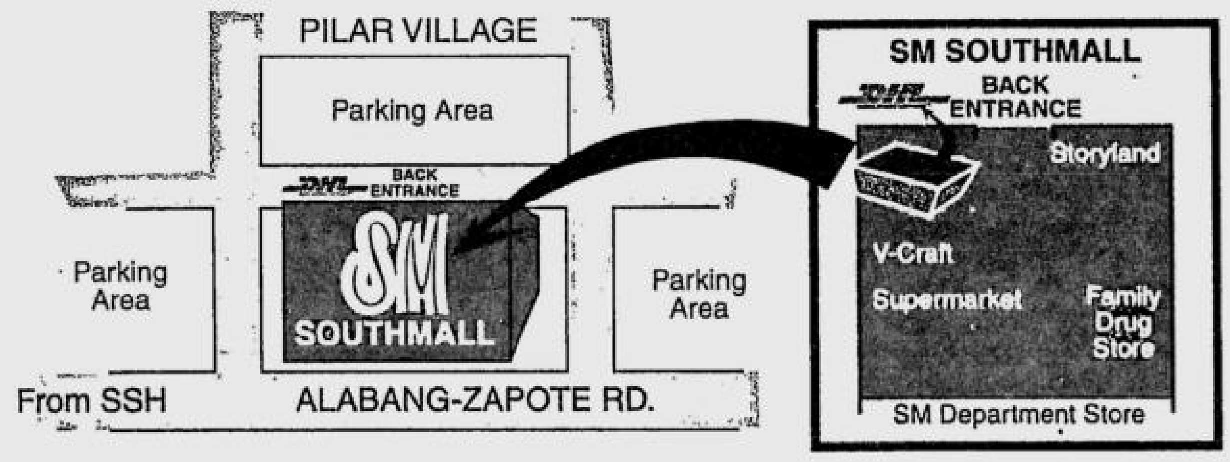

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AFTER being proclaimed Associate of the Year for five consecutive years, Betty Alejandro receives her final award and is elevated to become the first member of Manulife's Hall of Fame. Shown are Manulife Philippines SVP Romeo Lualhati, former Pac-Rim SVP David Allen, regional manager John Chua and president and CEO Renato Vergel de Dios.

Why a woman gave up a successful career in PR to sell life insurance

ALREADY senior vice president of a large ad agency when she left the world of advertising and public relations, Betty Alejandro was the last person her friends expected to end up selling life insurance. In fact, she herself admits to having harbored her own biases against insurance agents.

"They left me totally unimpressed," Betty says, explaining an attitude largely fueled at the time by the kind of agents that approached her. She noted that few were in the business for the long term; most were part-time recruits who eventually left their clients "orphaned" (insurance-speak for leaving policyholders out in the cold). Happily for the changing world of financial services, Betty finds that most insurance men and women today are upright and competent professionals. "In this era of 'customer sovereignty' service excellence is no longer an option," she says. "There is, quite simply, no alternative."

Why the radical career shift? It was, she says, simply her curiosity getting the better of her. "Two of my former colleagues had joined Manulife Philippines, and I kept asking myself why two intelligent, extremely competent young women would throw away bright, promising careers in communications just to sell life insurance. Suddenly, here was yet another smart, foxy lady trying to upgrade my coverage. I just had to check out for myself what Manulife was all about."

What she found was a job that gave her virtually total control of her time—not a small bonus for a Renaissance woman who was busy learning French, had a church ministry going, and was active in five different trade organizations all at the same time.

Ending 1988 as Manulife's "Rookie of the Year," Betty subsequently romped away with the Associate of the Year award for five consecutive years, causing the creation of her company's Hall of Fame. She then went on to become the divisional vice president for international membership of the million dollar round table, an independent association of more than 20,000 of the world's best insurance professionals from 65 nations and territories. Membership in MDRT is recognized internationally as the standard for excellence in the life insurance and financial services industry. Betty is proud to be sitting in the management council of this 68-year-old Chicago-based association because she finds MDRT's core values of ethics and professionalism congruent with those of her company.

Concurring with the traditionally held view that life insurance is one of the most difficult products to sell properly, Betty says "it really requires intensive study and training, and a penetrating insight into what people need and perceive to be important. Because when one guides and counsels people on how to run their financial lives, he is not just an agent—he is actually an advisor."

The "grounding" event that rooted Betty in the life insurance business was the death of a friend whom she failed to cover in time. She blames herself and the laid-back approach that characterized her early days in the field. "I let him off too easily," Betty reminisces. "He said, 'Let's close this deal next week,' and four days later, he died in an accident."

Looking back, Betty realizes that she should have known better. After all, accidents do happen when you least expect them. In 1985 while still in advertising, she was rammed from behind while sitting in a parked car by a drunk driver who had fallen asleep at the wheel. At the hospital where they rushed her, a priest was called in to give Betty the last rites. She spent half a year in rehab therapy and another six months on crutches. Seven doctors and three reconstructive surgeries later, she went out and bought herself a new car and took up running as a sport again.

Small wonder then, that whenever this hardy individual is asked what one behavioral characteristic marks the truly effective insurance agent, her stock reply is, "a high level of tolerance for frustration and stress!"

A business insurance specialist, Betty is actually happiest when exchanging ideas with entrepreneurial types. "I love matching wits with successful people, and I learn so much from professionals with diverse interests. Even if a business prospect doesn't pan out, there is always the rewarding experience of having observed, up close, a first-class mind at work."

At the end of the day, however, the ultimate reward of the business for Betty is the extent to which she has made a difference in the lives that she has touched. "Widows and orphans are what we're about. People don't need life insurance because they're going to die," she avers earnestly. "People need life insurance because others are going to live."

Firm launches guide for OFWs

By Anthony O. Alcantara

WOULDN'T it be nice if there was a booklet you could bring that contained all the information you need when visiting another country for the first time? Overseas Filipino workers especially need all the help they can get when they work abroad.

It's a good thing that US-based Western Union, one of the world's leading money transfer companies, came up with the idea of coming up with a booklet called "Pinoy Care Package—an Overseas Filipino Worker Reference Guide."

The booklet is a reference guide for Filipinos about to leave the country for employment overseas or present OFWs who have just arrived in other countries for employment.

It covers topics ranging from labor laws, working conditions, survival tips, a shopping guide, and useful references covering Filipino publications, organizations, help groups, local government departments and contact details for the Philippine Consulate General.

"It would be something that really helps overseas workers. It's about helping others and changing their lives for the better. It's a matter of giving something back to our customers, to society," says Richard Tynes, Western Union area vice president for Asia Pacific.

"We believe that there is something beyond building a business that gives a company a higher purpose," he adds.

The Pinoy Care Package is a new undertaking under the Western Union Helping Hands program, which started in 1999 as a worldwide community relations effort.

Tynes says Western Union has realized the difficulty of building a life in a foreign country and of being away from home, especially for Filipinos who have a very strong sense of family.

"We view our support of programs such as the Pinoy Care Package as a way of returning something to the communities that have helped Western Union build its business," he says.

Indeed Western Uhion earns big money from the 8 million OFWs around the world who remit some $8 billion to $10 billion to the Philippines every year. Tynes says the company has a 5 to 6 percent market share, which translates to about $400 million to $480 million or $500 million to $600 million of the total remittances yearly.

"There are many competitors but we are growing at a pace of 80 percent per year," says the official.

The company has 95,000 locations in 185 countries. In the Philippines it has 4,700 locations with its six partners, namely, Philcom, RCPI, Mail Boxes Etc., M. Lhuillier, Aboitiz Express and PETNET.

"Our strategy is to keep building under those partners. We plan to have 6,000 locations by the end of the year," Tynes says.

Western Union will be printing the version of "Pinoy Care Package" for those working or who will be working in Hong Kong at first. Tynes says the first printing would consist of thousands of copies and cost the company hundreds of thousands of dollars over many years over the following years.

Other versions for other countries in Asia and Europe would be printed soon.

These booklets will be distributed at pre-departure seminars conducted by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration and a number of POEA-accredited non-government organizations.

Aside from POEA, Western Union has solicited the help of other government agencies and private associations such as the Department of Foreign Affairs, Department of Labor and Employment, Philippine Association of Private Exporters, Society of Hong Kong Accredited Recruiters of the Philippines, Women in Development Foundation and the Philippine Consulate in Hong Kong in coming up with the Pinoy Care Package.

Tynes says the Pinoy Care Package is only one way how Western Union could help its customers and target market.

"We have what we call the diaspora approach. We look for Filipinos around the world and see how we can help them," he says.

In that way, Western Union can tailor-made its Helping Hands program much more easily and effectively.

The Western Union Helping Hands program has also provided educational resources to help people improve their standard of living as well as resource tools on health-related issues to help people lead healthy lives. There were also disaster assistance projects, literacy campaigns and instructional bilingual parent/child programs.

"This is beyond business. This is giving something back to the community," says Tynes.

China firms abandon old economy with enthusiasm

SHANGHAI—Driven by years of losses and the country's pending entry to the WTO, an increasing number of China's listed companies are giving up their core businesses and moving into new industries—many of them in a dramatic way.

Aging steel companies are turning high-tech. A firm that once pumped out chemicals now plans to protect the environment. And a loss-making industrial rubber belt maker may soon start making medicine.

In all of these cases, the firms are bailing out completely from crowded, poor-growth industrial areas in favor of less creaky sectors with brighter prospects.

"It is wise for weak listed companies in competitive sectors to find new directions, especially before China enters the World Trade Organization," said analyst Yao Xinmin from Shanghai Finance Securities.

"It puts them in a better position to compete with foreign companies in the future," he said.

Chinese firms are eyeing WTO entry, which officials expect to take place this year, with some trepidation.

Banks are jockeying to list in order to shore up their financial positions to compete against powerful foreign competitors that can offer a wider array of services.

Automobile firms are hooking up with global auto giants, and bracing for foreign imports as tariffs fall over the five years following accession.

And in the oil sector, China will surrender its monopoly, allowing private traders to import oil products and foreign firms to set up service stations through gradual liberalization.

Preparing for competition, China's two oil giants, Sinopec and Petrochina, listed last year. Its third largest, CNOOC, plans to list in Hong Kong and New York.

Out with the old

But rather than shaping up, some Chinese companies are simply shipping out and completely abandoning their old business.

Shanghai Steel Tube Co., whose B shares are traded in Shanghai, said recently it would foray into information technology after swapping all its assets with a wholly owned subsidiary of its corporate parent Baosteel Group.

The Baosteel Group, China's biggest and most profitable steel producer, took a 57.22-percent stake in the company last November, as part of an industry overhaul in China.

Shanghai Steel Tube, which has incurred three straight years of losses, will go into computer hardware manufacturing and software development, the company said.

Another B share firm, Shanghai Rubber Belt, which made a meager 1.22 million yuan in profits in the first half of last year, is also swirling with restructuring rumors.

Its corporate parent plans to sell a 29.50-percent stake in the firm to Shenzhen's pharmaceutical group Sanjiu Corp. for 47.89 million yuan. The company's shares skyrocketed 462 percent last year, driven up by Chinese investors who commonly target restructuring plays.

H share firms, mainland incorporated firms listed in Hong Kong, have also scrambled to restructure, with their corporate parents busy polishing new images for them.

Metamorphosis

Tianjin Bohai Chemical Industry (Group) began its transformation into Tianjin Capital Environment Protection Co. in October.

The firm shifted its core business from chemicals into toll roads, sewage treatment and environmental protection, in an asset swap between its parent and the investment arm of the Tianjin city government. A share transfer was completed in January.

Analysts said the move would help it reverse years of losses.

The company made soda, caustic soda and polyvinyl chloride resins and reported losses of 75.35 million yuan in the first half of last year.

It had chalked up losses of 364 million yuan in 1999 and 608 million yuan in 1998.

"Environmental protection is surely an industry the Chinese government has neglected in the past but will promote in the future," said Hong Kong stock analyst Hu Cuiping with Worldsec International.

Nanjing Panda Electronics, a loss-making television maker listed in Hong Kong, is another example.

It said in October it would spin off its core television business, hit by oversupply and cut-throat competition and shift into the fast growing telecoms market. *Reuters*

Polish shipyards go up-market to find success

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rose from about 10 percent to 50 percent of those in the EU.

The Gdynia yard, which has contracts to build 61 ships for $2.2 billion through 2004, plans to list at least 15 percent of its shares on the Warsaw and London bourses by June 2001.

Gdynia, which showed a net gain of some $5 million in 1999 and 2000, is the largest single shareholder in steel firm Mostostal Gdansk, controlling 16 percent of votes, which allows it to meet its demand for metals at minimum cost.

Gdynia, which upped capacity through its buyout of the failed Gdansk yard, also plans to gain control of the small Polnocna shipyard, where it already has a 27-percent stake.

It plans to buy into Polish ship engine maker H. Cegielski together with Szczecin, boding well for future contracts between the two yards.

"Polish shipyards have left their rivalry behind and now co-operate to take advantage of improving demand on global ship markets," said Stocznia Szczecin's CEO Krzysztof Piotrowski.

The Szczecin yard, whose capacity expansion has been limited by its relative isolation deep within the Oder River near the Polish-German border, plans to diversify into lucrative energy trade to protect itself from the cyclical ship market.

"We've hit a barrier in shipbuilding capacity, so through diversification, such as our plans to build a fuel terminal, we can continue to increase ,financial inflows," Piotrowski said.

Szczecin, whose net profit fell to $2.5 million last year from $5.9 million in 1999 because of its vast dock modernization program, seeks to list several subsidiaries next year.

Driving down costs

Both Gdynia and Szczecin benefit from their world-class inhouse ship design teams. Most of the world's leading ship makers have to outsource costly engineering design services.

"Our innovative project and construction design teams significantly improve our competitiveness vis-a-vis foreign competitors," Gdynia's Szlanta said.

The Gdansk Repair Yard (GSR) hopes to spice up its ship fixing business by branching out into oil platform repairs.

Last November, GSR finished rebuilding one of the biggest oil rigs in the North Sea for US-based Global Drilling after edging out Norwegian repair firms to gain the contract.

Analysts also said that as world shipbuilding countries move away from state subsidies, with the EU hoping to effectively end state aid to yards by 2004, Poland will be at an advantage, having already existed under pure market conditions for years. *Reuters*

Gov't . . .

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dience. The elections became a snap revolution, and the rest was history.

Just 15 years ago, the corrupt order looked all powerful before it fell at the hands of the powerless. The Goliath called President Ferdinand Marcos was swept away by the David of People Power.

Unstable disorder

The new post-Erap situation makes kleptocracy unstable.

The media can no longer be gagged because websites, e-mail and text messages will carry the news one way or another. Surely the competing newspapers and TV stations will not want to be scooped. For the same reason, a climate of fear can't last because leaders who try to scare the people will become the butt of text message jokes.

Military men of conscience know they have the people behind them, so they will be more vocal against those who try to impose state terror.

The Church will always be there as the moral center of gravity. Brave bishops and priests will denounce wholesale graft. Corrupt cronies can't prop up the kleptocracy for long because they will be exposed by the media and telecommunications.

And the people will no longer be acquiescent. Civil society has formed a vast network of groups that can mobilize the public when the times call for protest. The youth have seen how they can change history by simply texting messages, forwarding e-mail, and attending rallies.

All told, kleptocracy will be difficult to revive and sustain. *(Comments to dmarroyo@hotmail.com)*

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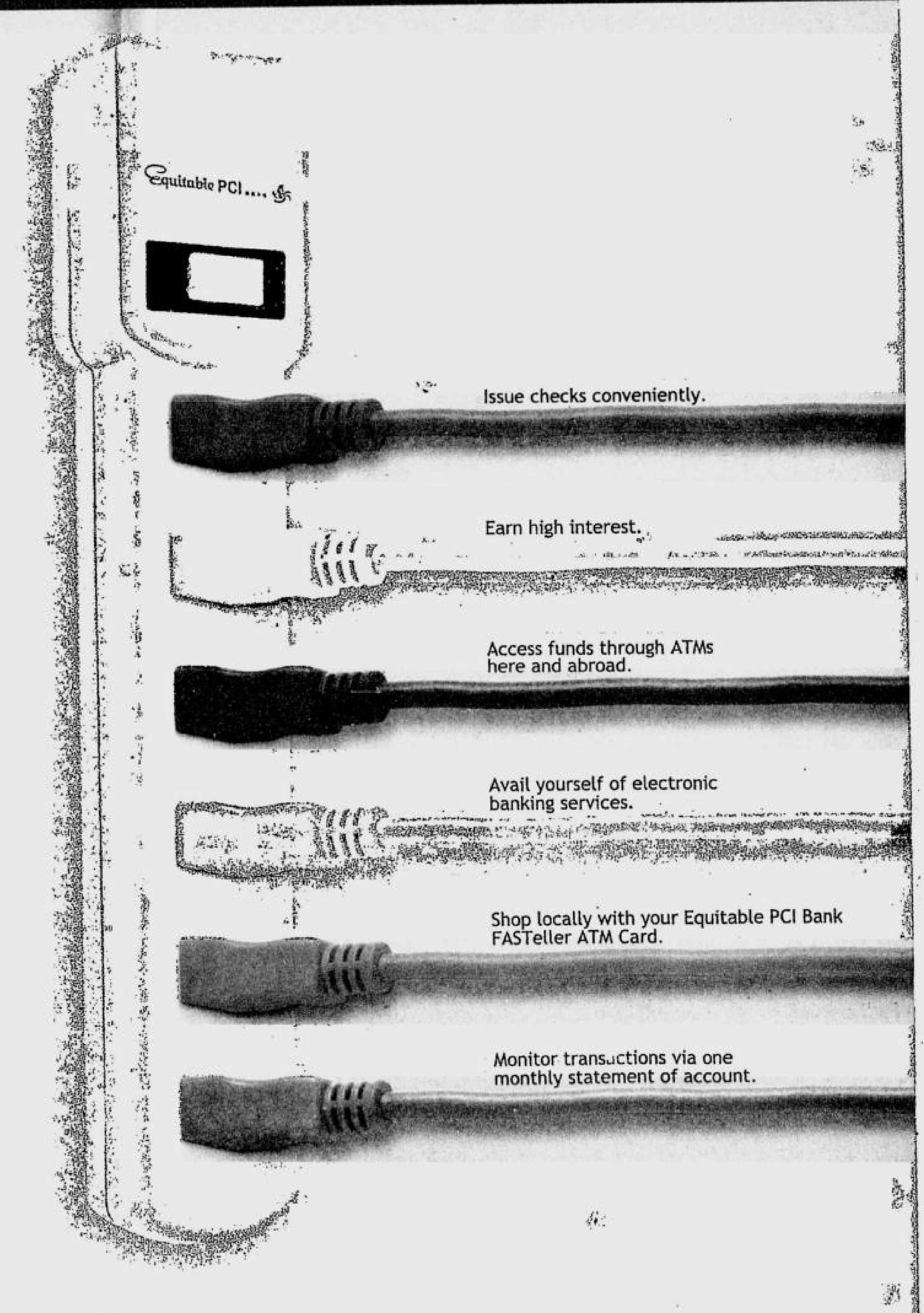

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Human factor is key to success of merged firms

GENEVA—The decade-long wave of mergers and acquisitions (M&A) that is reshaping the world's banking and financial service sectors is accelerating aggregate employment declines in an industry that was traditionally characterized by stable and even lifetime employment, according to an ILO report released in Geneva today for a tripartite meeting of industry experts.

In spite of the vast scale of M&A activity during the last decade, the report notes that "two-thirds of M&As fail to achieve their objectives," despite the often massive job losses and organizational restructuring they entail.

All too often, the report says, the sought-after benefits of greater size and efficiency risk being "nullified by increased complexity and losses related to top-heavy organizations, while the difficulties of adequately blending cultural and other human factors in the integration of combined enterprises are often underestimated."

The report attributes much of the foundering of M&A expectations to shortcomings in dealing with the human resource fallout of redundancies, which may seriously undermine operational capabilities and employee morale. Among the consequences of heightened merger activity for the financial sector workforce that survives the restructuring, the report cites "reduced job security, increased workloads, anxiety and stress," all of which can impinge negatively on performance in an intensely competitive work climate.

The report identifies "two conflicting aims" which characterize current practices in financial sector remuneration: "the need to reduce labor costs within a context of increasing competition and decreasing profitability; and the necessity to compensate and adequately reward employee performance and commitment within an environment of continuous and challenging change."

The ILO analysis insists that "merger implementation involves sensitive management and personnel issues with far-reaching impacts on workers' rights" and highlights the need for "increased social dialogue between employers and workers throughout the entire M&A process." Neglect of the human factors, according to the ILO, "is a frequent cause of failure."

The report cites a study by the accounting consultancy KPMG which finds that M&A deals are "26 percent more likely to be successful if they paid satisfactory attention to cultural issues." Acquirers who left cultural issues until the post-deal period severely hindered their chances of success, according to the KPMG study. These cultural factors are likely to become even more pronounced as M&A activity increasingly involves firms of different nations.

The ILO report says mergers are undertaken for a wide variety of reasons, including the desire to consolidate efforts in saturated market, to generate economies of scale and to increase the asset base of merged firms in an increasingly competitive and global economy.

According to the report, no matter what the motive, M&As are "invariably accompanied by announcements of job reductions, sometimes on a massive scale." The report cites, conservative estimates indicating that at least 130,000 finance jobs have disappeared in western Europe as a result of M&As during the 1990s and there are predictions of "the disappearance of approximately 300,000 banking jobs between 1999 and 2002 through merger-led consolidation."

In the United States, the number of commercial banks dropped by 30 percent over the decade up to 1995, while employment levels declined by about 5 percent between 1984 and 1994. Twelve thousand jobs were eliminated in the merger between Chemical Bank and Chase Manhattan in 1995, while the acquisition of Bank of America by Nations Bank in 1998 included plans to lay off 18,000 workers by 2002.

British banks, for a variety of reasons including M&As, "reduced their employees by 150,000 and shut a quarter of their total network of branches" between 1990 and 2000. Stronger employment protection laws and traditions in both France and Germany have helped to contain sectoral job losses in both countries. It was nevertheless announced at the time of the 1999 merger between BNP and Paribas, that the combined bank would shed 5,700 posts, including some 3,600 in France.

In Germany, the unsuccessful merger between Deutsche and Dresdner banks would have been accompanied by the elimination of 6,000 jobs. In the Scandinavian countries the decline in bank personnel and branches between 1995 and 1999 averaged 30 percent, with a 50-percent fall for Finland.

In Switzerland, "UBS and SBS foresaw reductions of about 7,000 jobs (1,800 as possible redundancies), of a total of 13,000 in the group worldwide, according to a 1999 management announcement," the report notes. However, as of September 2000, "only 1,285 employees in Switzerland actually lost their jobs."

In Spain, the product of the merging of the country's first and third-ranked banks, BSCH "plans on eliminating about 4,500 jobs between 1999 and 2002," with the first stage of downsizing involving 2,400 voluntary redundancies negotiated with trade unions before the merger. Between 1991 and 1997, the Spanish banking sector shed 23,000 posts, mainly through retirement schemes.

In the Czech Republic, where economic reform, privatization and sectoral consolidation revamping the financial industry, staff numbers in banks have fallen by 42 percent since 1995. Among the larger banks, 1,405 branches or outlets were closed between 1996-99, with a loss of 12,118 jobs.

A large bank merger in Australia led to a workforce reduction of 28 percent.

The merger of two banks in Thailand resulted in the lay-off of two thirds of the combined bank's workforce of 9,109 employees.

Brazil has lost 79,000 jobs in banking and financial services during the last decade, while 22,000 jobs disappeared from the Argentine financial services between 1994 and 1999.

Japanese banks, once bastions of lifetime employment, are merging and downsizing. The report notes that "a wave of mega-mergers is gathering strength" in Japan, one of which is expected to create the world's third largest global banking and finance group.

The mergers are also expected to result in widespread redundancies, although the companies involved (DKB; Fuji; IBJ) have pledged that cuts would be through attrition rather than lay-offs. The trend toward reduced personnel is clear throughout the industry. In return for an injection of public funds recently, banks committed themselves to cutting 20,000 posts over three years.

Ascertaining the precise number of job losses worldwide is complicated by the fact that official statistics on banking and financial services include an ever increasing number of workers in atypical employment. Job losses are usually exacerbated by increased use of information and communications technology and outsourcing of functions previously performed by employees.

Because much rationalization mostly affects such operation areas as bank branch networks and the lower hierarchical levels which are highly feminine, "there are grounds to believe that M&A related effects of restructuring are gender-differentiated and may be arresting or even reversing progress in affirmative programmer," the report suggests.

The ILO report recognizes the inevitability of much M&A activity and contribution it can make to greater enterprise efficiency, profitability and, by extension, increased economy-wide employment. But the ILO analysis also questions many of the assumptions driving the M&A juggernaut and highlights the major concerns over the immediate job reductions that go hand-in-hand with M&A announcements.

The report also warns of the inevitable decline in sectoral competition and service that results from greater concentration in the financial industry, leading to reduced credit support to small- and medium-sized enterprises, which are the major generators of employment in all economies. *ILO News*

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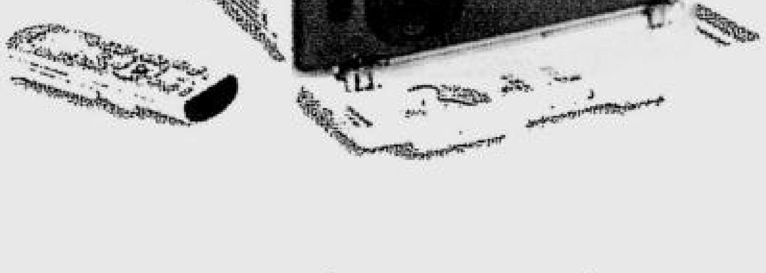

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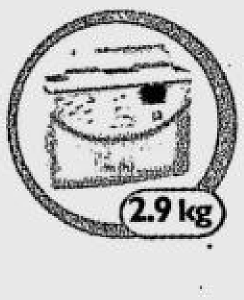

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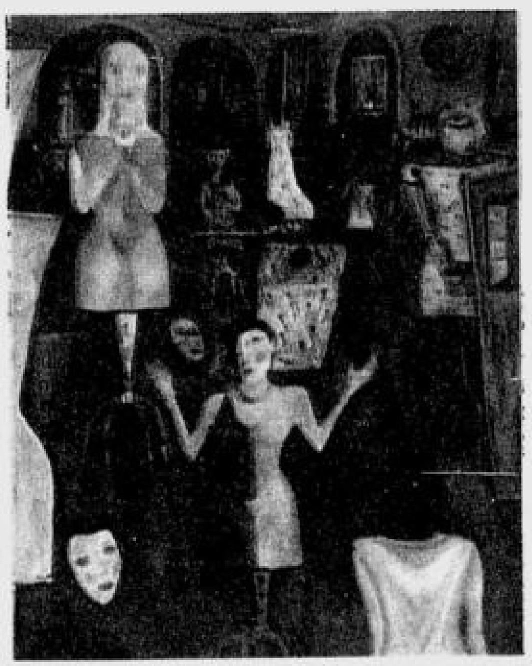

"IT'S Her Body?" by Charlie Co

The male comes face to face with the womb

BY BIENVENIDO LUMBERA

THE QUESTION is almost tautological: "Who owns women's bodies?" As a male who had been wont to think of himself as a progressive intellectual, I thought the question easy enough to answer. "But of course, it's women who own their bodies!"

Then I wended my way through the art exhibit that had asked the question and came out of the experience chagrined, and with my own question: "But do women really own their bodies?"

The artworks on display at the lobby and second floor corridors of the Lipa City Hall on Oct. 16 ranged from prints to installations and as I moved from one item to the next, I felt I was being confronted, accused, condemned or even violated by the images, the metaphors and the symbols that the artists had crafted in response to the title of the exhibit.

On the pages of the present book, photos of the artworks cannot but fail to suggest the visceral excitement evoked by actual confrontation with the paintings, constructions, collages, sculptures and installations by both male and female artists. For some male viewers, I was certain a number of works at the exhibit were baffling, tending to keep the male out, and perhaps even inducing in him an unnamed guilt for being unable to fully understand or empathize.

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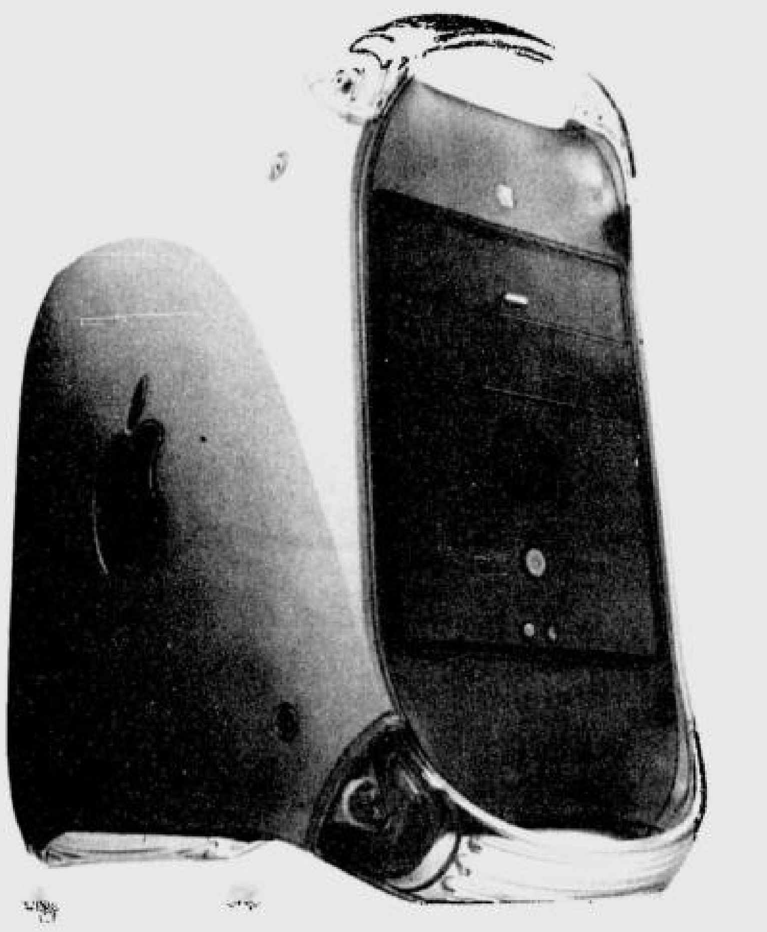

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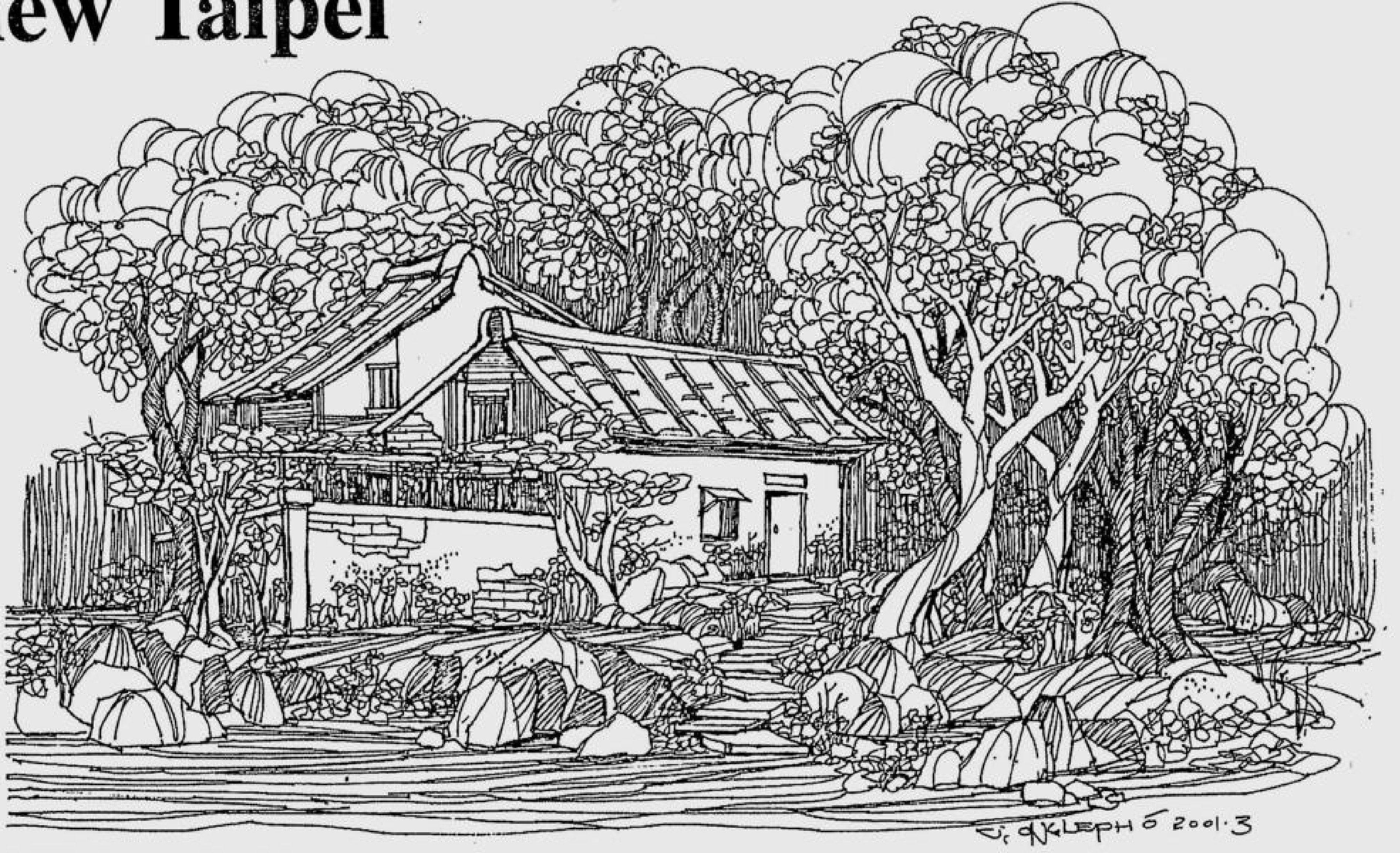


"OLD Taipei, Beel-tour 2001-3," ink on paper

IT was in June 2000 when I got a letter from the Art Galleries Association, Taipei, Taiwan, R.O.C. inviting me to join the Taipei Art Fair International that December. The Art Galleries Association's secretary-general, Mr. Lu, then told me that since the fair began in 1993, galleries from Europe, the United States, Japan, Singapore, Hong Kong and Mainland China have participated. It could afford the exposure Filipino artists needed.

The international art fair has had its share of success. In 1998, the fair attracted some 80,000 viewers and its sales reached $350,000. The following year might have spelled troubled times but the fair still managed to get some 50,000 viewers and raked in a decent $300,000.

In a breakfast with close friend and fellow artist Malang, I brought up the invitation by Mr. Lu. I mentioned how successful it had been both for the promotion of the arts in Taipei and the international exposure it gave to artists and galleries from around the world. Malang welcomed the idea but decided to proceed with caution. Joining an international art fair, after all, is not that easy and it does not come cheap. You need time to prepare and must carefully study the advantages and the costs it would entail. Malang suggested that we check it out first.

The Taipei International Art Fair was held at the Taipei World Trade Center Hall II from Dec. 13-18. Malang and I originally wanted to go there as early as Dec. 12 but had to postpone it to Dec. 16. We left Manila at 8 a.m. and got there 10 a.m., leaving us enough time to view the fair and reminisce about Old Taipei (His-Men-Ting). We stayed at the East Dragon Hotel, which is strategic since it is near restaurants offering genuine Taipei cuisine, department stores and 24-hour bookstores; it also affords a view to the old architecture of the city. We were here 20 years ago and noticed that the hotel had undergone many renovations since. Everything, except for the elevators, was new. We also noticed that the hotel rates had increased a hundred percent, but we did not mind paying more because we felt most at home there.

After having lunch, Malang and I went separately to our rooms. By 4 p.m., Malang knocked on my door and gave me an oil pastel drawing as a souvenir. It was a trademark happy picture of three sisters—reminding us of the pleasure to be in Taipei together again after 20 years.

Packed

The World Trade Center is in the heart of the Taipei international business area and is near the Hyatt Regency Hotel and Taipei City Hall. Malang and I went there around 5 p.m. (the fair was open to the public from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.) and bought two tickets for N.T.$30 each. All the 35 participating galleries, most of which were from Taipei, were packed with people. We were supposed to meet Mr. Lu there, but did not look for him anymore. He must be very busy meeting other guests.

Among the works on view were masterpieces from Mainland China. Malang and I tried to go to each exhibiting gallery, which took us about two hours. Then we went to check out the nearby bookstores. Ninety-nine percent of the publications were in Chinese, but I observed how Malang nevertheless showed his interest. Any book lover would surely find the store a haven—especially for those interested to know more about the Chinese culture. Malang, for as long as I have known him, has always been open to new ideas. He did not know Chinese but read as voraciously as any learned Chinese would. Some even mistook him for being Chinese. We stayed there for another couple of hours and left with two bags each of books and magazines, very fulfilled at the treasures we had found.

The art fair, which ended Dec. 18, had some 65,000 viewers, a slight increase from 1999 figures. It also made $250,000, less than what it earned in 1999, yet still encouraging because of the economic situation. Back at the hotel, Malang and I looked at the prospect of one day joining the fair. Surely, it would be very challenging to have our works displayed next to other international artists. Yet looking at the costs (renting one 4 m x 5 m booth for five days is $6,500, or approximately P325,000 at the current exchange rate), the venture, even at a discounted price Mr. Lu is offering, is still much too expensive for us. We do appreciate what the Art Galleries Association of R.O.C. is doing, pushing the arts in such a big way. It is certainly an example we can all look up to.

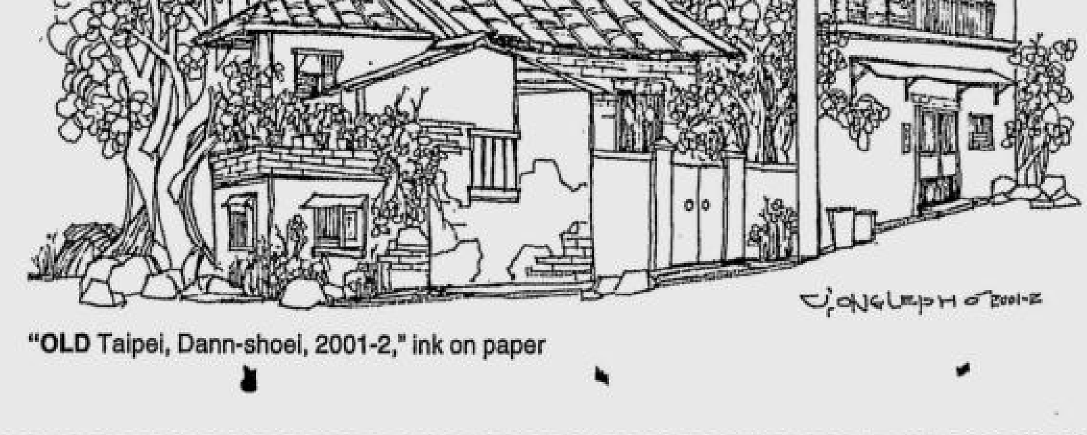
THE AUTHOR during his 1984 tour of Tainan, Taiwan

Museum

On Dec. 17, our second day in Taipei, Malang and I went to see the Taipei Fine Arts Museum, founded in 1983. I met its first art director, Ms Su, during one of my many visits in the 1980s. I learned that the Museum is under the administration of the Taipei City Hall, and has an annual budget of N.T.$20 million to acquire paintings. Its policy though, is to purchase the paintings at a much lower price, so it is having some difficulty updating its collection. It is successful, however, in inviting international master artists. I was there in 1993 and met again French-Chinese artist Zao Wou-Ki, who held a retrospective show there. Zao Wou-Ki went to Paris in 1948. In 1957, he toured in Hong Kong, where he met his second wife. We were exchanging letters then and did not see each other till 1981 when he held a one-man show in Taipei.

It was like any other weekend at the Taipei Fine Arts Museum. It was packed with students and other parents tagging along their children. They would stay there the whole day—almost the same length of time Filipino families would hang out in malls nowadays. Upon our entrance, we noticed a pink rug surrounded by large pillows. We learned from one of the museum employees that they were leftovers from an avant-garde show last September. They were part of an environmental art show that adapted to the "globalization" ideas of some countries; they were meant to include the viewer as part of the whole composition. In my view, it did not give me the impression that I was going to a museum.

What caught our particular interest was the bookstore, whose area of about 60 to 70 sq m was filled with shelves of art books and magazines. Again, it gave me a chance to study how Malang would go through each one, carefully leafing through each page. Maybe that is why he is so successful at what he does. Not only is he faithfully practicing the craft, but is also very open to accepting new ideas.



"OLD Taipei, Dann-shoei, 2001-2," ink on paper

Young museum goers

We decided to have our lunch at the restaurant inside the museum. There were more than 30 tables but adults occupied just three. Students occupied the rest. We left the museum at around 3 p.m. and stopped by at the Apollo Compound where 35 galleries occupy five buildings. One of the biggest galleries boasts of a collection of masterpieces by French impressionists. From there, we went to the National Museum of History, where we were hoping to see the Terracotta Warriors and Horses of the Qin Dynasty. Each ticket cost N.T.$150 (P250) and there was a slight drizzle. Malang and I thought the lines would be shorter. We were wrong. One had to queue twice, to buy a ticket and then to proceed to the entrance. The lines stretched as far as 100 meters. We might have changed our minds about going, but were truly impressed at how Taiwanese valued their culture. We thought about how it is here, where very few have gone to the National Museum.

The terra-cotta show opened on Dec. 15 and would be on view until March. There are 124 pieces, ranging from 180 cm to 196 cm in height, on display. Taking two years to prepare, the exhibit attracts an average of 10,000 visitors every day and has already netted an income of N.T.$1.5 million. The National Museum of History is always an attraction for residents and tourists alike. During the 1980s, I made it a point to go there when I was in Taipei. Then, there are the lotus gardens. They are quite a sight to behold, especially around July and August. I would pass by them every morning and sketch on the spot. Mr. Ho, a former director of the museum, invited me in 1979 to grace an exhibit of overseas artists from France, the US, Japan, Singapore and Hong Kong. I was even asked to deliver a short speech at the opening.

A year later, we planned to bring 10 Filipino artists and their works to an exhibit at the National Museum of History Taiwan's Department of Education was then willing to lend its support. I took the initiative to invite Vicente Manansala, Cesar Legaspi, Malang and six other noted Filipino artists. But I had to call off the show when other artists said they couldn't make it. Manansala cited health reasons. Most of his paintings had already been sold, and he told me to borrow paintings belonging to his wife and look after them while abroad. Looking at the responsibility I would have over the masterpieces, I felt more relief than disappointment that the show did not push through.

In April 1997, I was invited back to attend a group show involving French impressionist masters, including Claude Monet, Camille Pissarro, Paul Cezanne, Edgar Degas and Edouard Manet. Tickets to the show sold briskly at N.T.$300 each.

Welcome alternative

While Malang and I missed viewing the terra-cotta show, a trip to the bookstore was always a welcome alternative. Cherng-P Bookstore is similar to our National Bookstore. Its branch in His-Men-Ting is open 24 hours. It was teeming with customers, though it only had one counter for cashier. What struck me most was the discipline of the people putting back the publications where they got them and taking care not to destroy any of the books or magazines, or even the furniture. It is so conducive to reading; it makes you feel you just entered a library. It is so much different here, where some tear up pages from books and just leave them anywhere.

The next day, Dec. 18, a Monday, Malang and I went back to the National Museum of History. It was raining again and we thought the lines would be shorter. They weren't. We went instead to an art supplies store—another gem at the center of the city. It had a complete line of art materials, especially oils. Any color you'd want to have was available and in prices comparatively cheaper than that in Manila. We went back to the hotel with four heavy plastic bags each.

By afternoon, we went to see the National Palace Museum. The structure was painted with the Palace colors: Its roof was green; its fences were yellow and its doors red. We had a chance to read more about the Chinese culture and view art reproductions. The second and third floors had the old masters' paintings and a section on calligraphy. We spent the rest of the afternoon at the restaurant upstairs, enjoying our hot tea and dimsum with the magazines we bought.

I remember frequenting the National Palace Museum before, when I would stay in Taipei every trip for about a month. I would hang around the museum and sketch there. I had made many friends in Taipei and found the city interesting. Over the last 20 years, I had mounted four shows in Taipei and Kao-Shiong. The Philippines, though, is my hometown. Since the 1990s, I have devoted my art activities in the Philippines. While I would often go to Taipei and paint the views there, it was my first trip to Mainland China in 1989 that made a big difference in my art. The awe-inspiring Hwang-Shan (Yellow Mountain) gave me many ways to view and paint landscapes.

A top artist recharges by going to Taiwan and catching in pen and ink the fading images of old Taipei

Last day

By Dec. 19, Malang and I were on our last day in Taipei. We thought about sketching very early in the day but saw that it was still dark even at 7 a.m. We ate breakfast first and then went separately to the His-Men-Ting center. Again, we saw the youth meshing beautifully with the old structures of the city. We went back to the hotel very happy about what we had drawn. By 11 a.m., I took Malang to the Kwan Hwa Market. We saw people selling jade stones. As we went inside, we spotted another treasure—secondhand art books and magazines, along with the usual fare of audio and video compact discs. Malang's eyes lit up again as he read up on Chinese painting and calligraphy. We used to call ourselves the "Chopsticks Club" in the 1950s, and here he is now, as interested over anything Chinese as he was crazy over Chinese cuisine way back. He would even borrow books from me about Chinese masters, calligraphy, telling me that he had started practicing calligraphy. I have realized how he thinks like a Chinese in many ways. Not only has he begun trying calligraphy, but he also keeps his family very close to him—like the traditional Chinese do. There is something about Oriental art that once moved even the likes of Cezanne, Van Gogh and Gauguin. We only have to know where to look for inspiration.

Heading back again to the hotel, we noticed how the surroundings were vastly giving way to modernity. Tourists can still catch a glimpse of Old Taipei—there are roads where cars are not allowed to pass through—yet culturally, the youth is adapting to more liberal ways.

We capped our last night in Old Taipei at the His-Men-Ting, our favorite native restaurant, where we always ordered fried rice, vegetable soup and fried *tokwa.* The cook had perfected what we wanted and so we took our time relishing our meal. After our last sip of the soup, we were about to leave when three young ladies passed by. The third one caught us totally by surprise. She was wearing an attention-grabbing pink cleavage-revealing outfit. She was wearing no brassiere and her "two wonderful small mountains" were on full view.

I told Malang, "That's the 'new' Taipei."

JAMES Onglepho with Malang at the National Palace Museum

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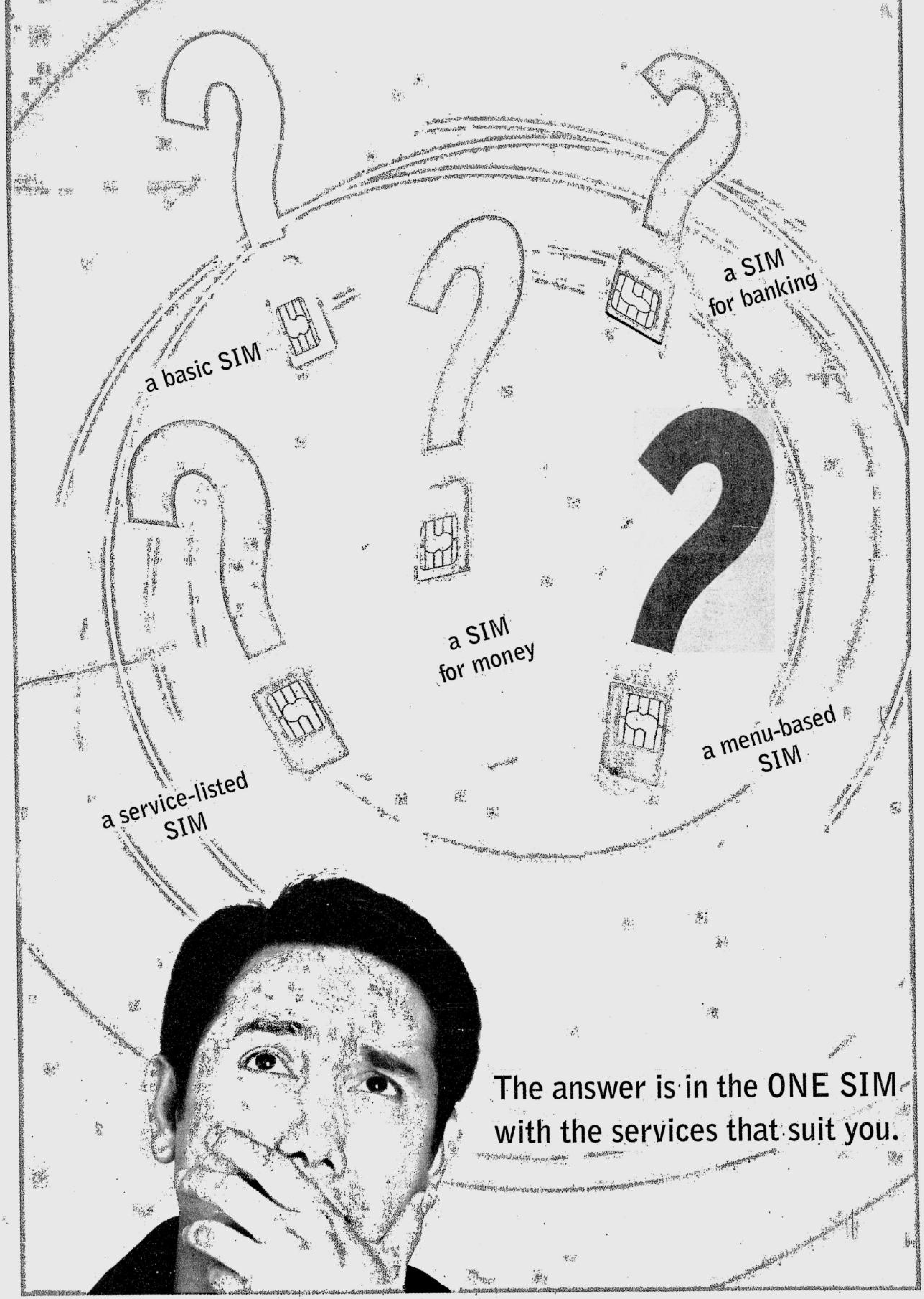
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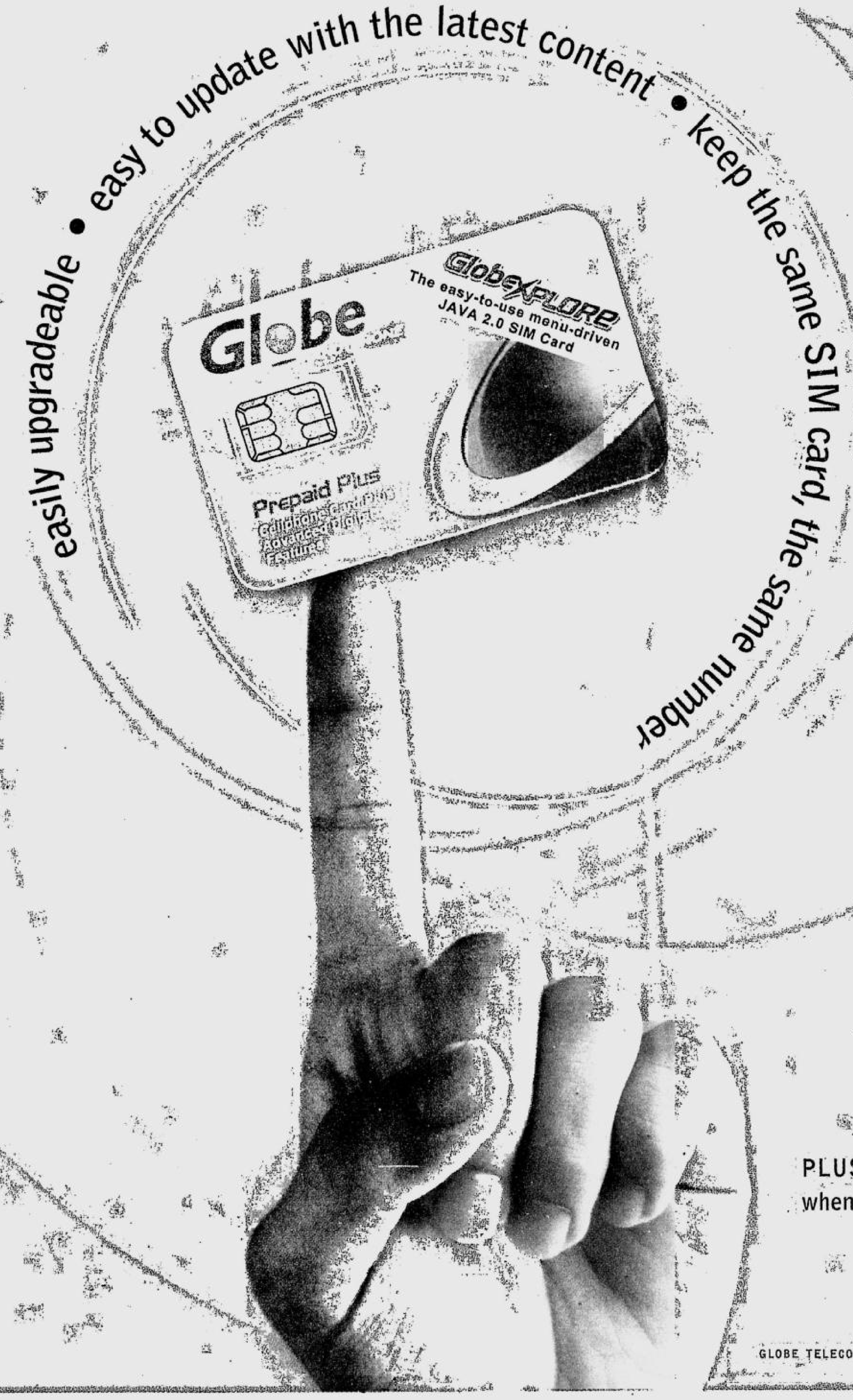

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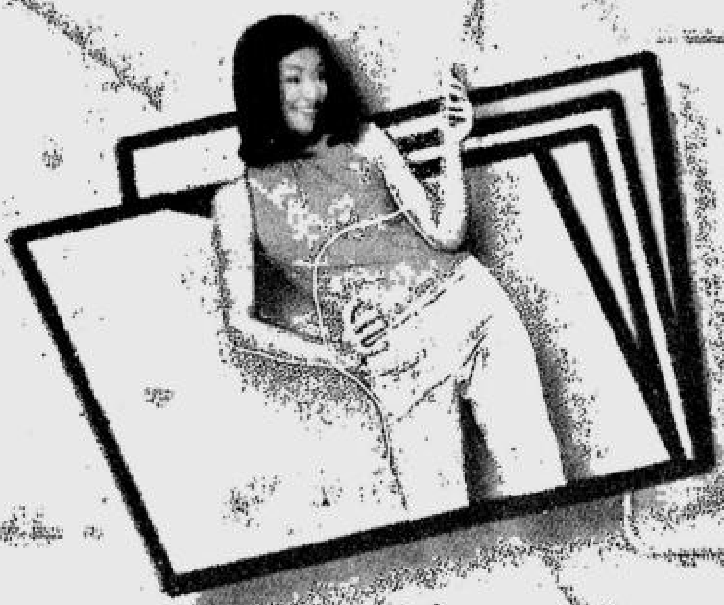

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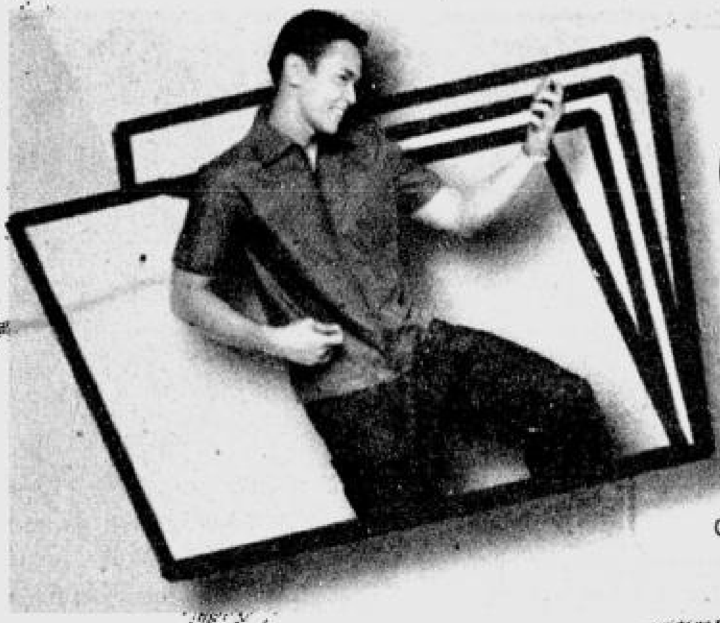

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The male comes face to face with the womb

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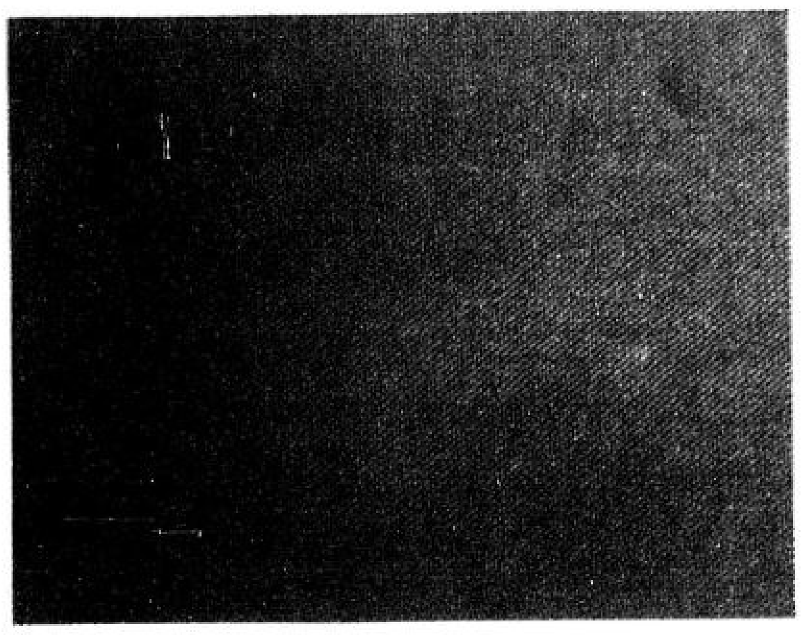
one who had seen and participated in the convulsive changes brought about in the art scene by the First Quarter Storm, that 30 years have inscribed not only new technologies but more paramount, new outlooks and new concerns in the creative work of politicized artists of our time. In the 1970s, for instance, writers, theater practitioners and visual artists were fired up by what seemed like an imminent social revolution soon to invert the pyramid of power keeping the many subjugated by the few. Accordingly, the cultural workers of the national democratic movement wanted the social realities of the time foregrounded at every instance, with the realist mode deemed as the most effective means to mobilize people for the impending change.



"**BLUE** Film Love" by Lena Cobangbang

Beginnings

The women's movement had its beginnings in the First Quarter Storm and picked up momentum under the martial law government, as it began to chip away at what were perceived to be intransigent remnants of machismo in a movement that envisioned a future when men and women who fought side by side in the war of national liberation would be standing side by side as equals in a truly egalitarian society. When advocacy for a women's movement apart from the national democratic movement was initiated by militants known to me, I hesitated in assenting, thinking that such a move might dissipate power already massed within the organized national democratic ranks.

I must confess I had been an adult too long before the First Quarter Storm broke, and having grown up within the patriarchal system, I had internalized values privileging in practically any situation the male over the female. Under the male skin of even the most liberal intellectual in the 1970s, I dare suspect, lurked macho presumptions about personal and social relationships that tradition had implanted in one's consciousness. Thus, even as I fancied myself to have surmounted commonplace attitudes about male-female relations, not infrequently would I be secretly surprised by opinions, jokes and expressions that doubtless are residues of my long residence in a patriarchal society.

Fortunately, art is an ingenious ambusher of complacent men; at the most unexpected turn of one's consciousness, it springs upon the individual engaging him in an encounter of sensibilities. "Who Owns Women's Bodies?" ambushed me at the Lipa City Hall, and I had to acknowledge to myself that as a married man with four daughters and a granddaughter, there remained interstices in women's sensibilities inaccessible to my presumptuous male probing.

Confrontation

All together, the varied pieces in the exhibit signal that the coming years will be seeing continuing confrontation between traditional (and, ergo, largely patriarchal outlook) and feminist ways of looking at our society. Artworks such as those composing "Who Owns Women's Bodies?" promise to serve as refracting mirrors that tell us about the obfuscations and illuminations that would emerge from such a confrontation. And always, the encounters will be taking place on terrain largely discombobulating to the stubbornly male sensibility. For the artistic mode this time will no longer be comfortably realist and recognizable—increasingly, as women artists and their male comrades-at-arms look deep into the female experience of Philippine society, the expressionist mode will be offering itself as most congenial to the naming and the unfolding of unnamables. In sum, "Who Owns Women's Bodies?" alerts both converts and the slightly skeptical to prepare themselves for art production that will in the coming years disturb and perturb audiences of any gender.

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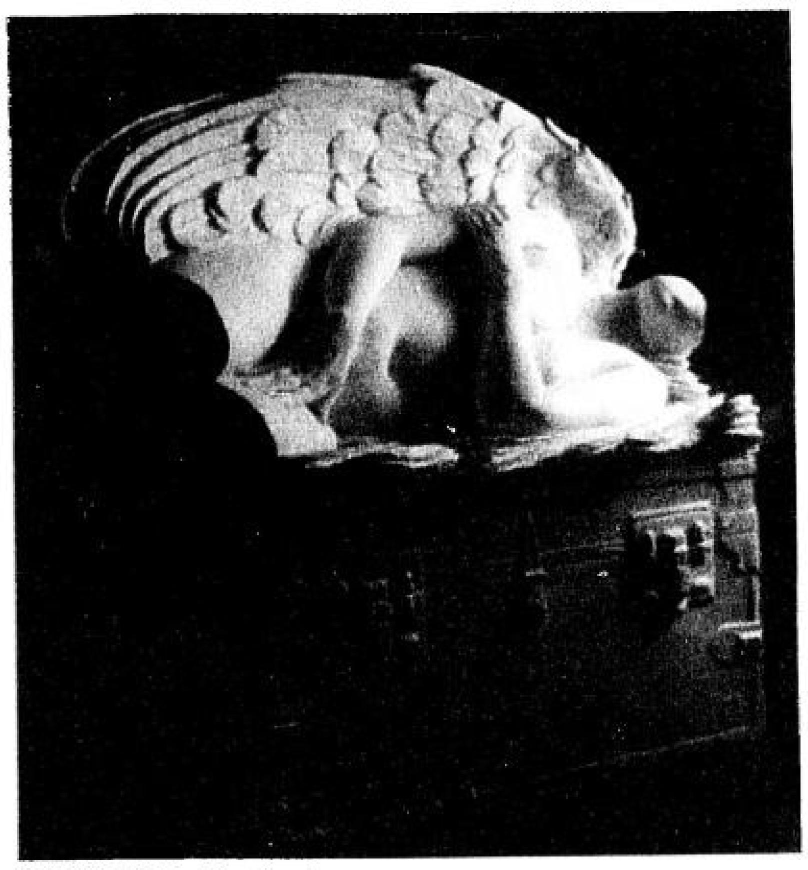
First Quarter Storm art and literature announced the rise of a new artistic sensibility engaged in the scrutiny of a semi-feudal and semi-colonial culture. At the dawn of a new millennium, feminist art and literature has grown out of such scrutiny and seeks ascendancy as the new and exciting engagement between art and our society.

"Who owns women's bodies?" will continue to haunt artists and audiences, and the answers will give us art and literature that taunt and preach and wound and insist on being remembered.

"WOWB" traveled to Lipa City and Vigan in 2000. It is currently on exhibit at the Bulwagang Juan Luna of the Cultural Center of the Philippines until March 31. Viewing hours: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. daily except Mondays



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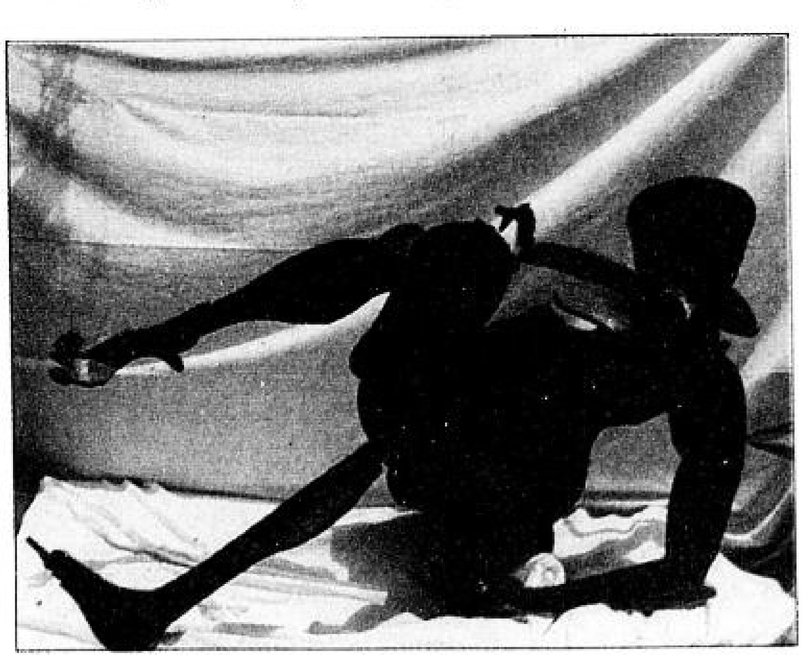

ENGLISH SCULPTOR AT GALLERY NINE

"Woman Unbalanced by the Force of a Wave (Horses and Figures in Metal)" is the latest show of Manila-based English sculptor Royston Taylor. The exhibit features a series of tabletop and life-size metal horses and nudes. It opens at 6 p.m. on March 9 at Gallery Nine (150 Jupiter St., Bel-Air, Makati City) and runs until March 24. Call 899-2704.

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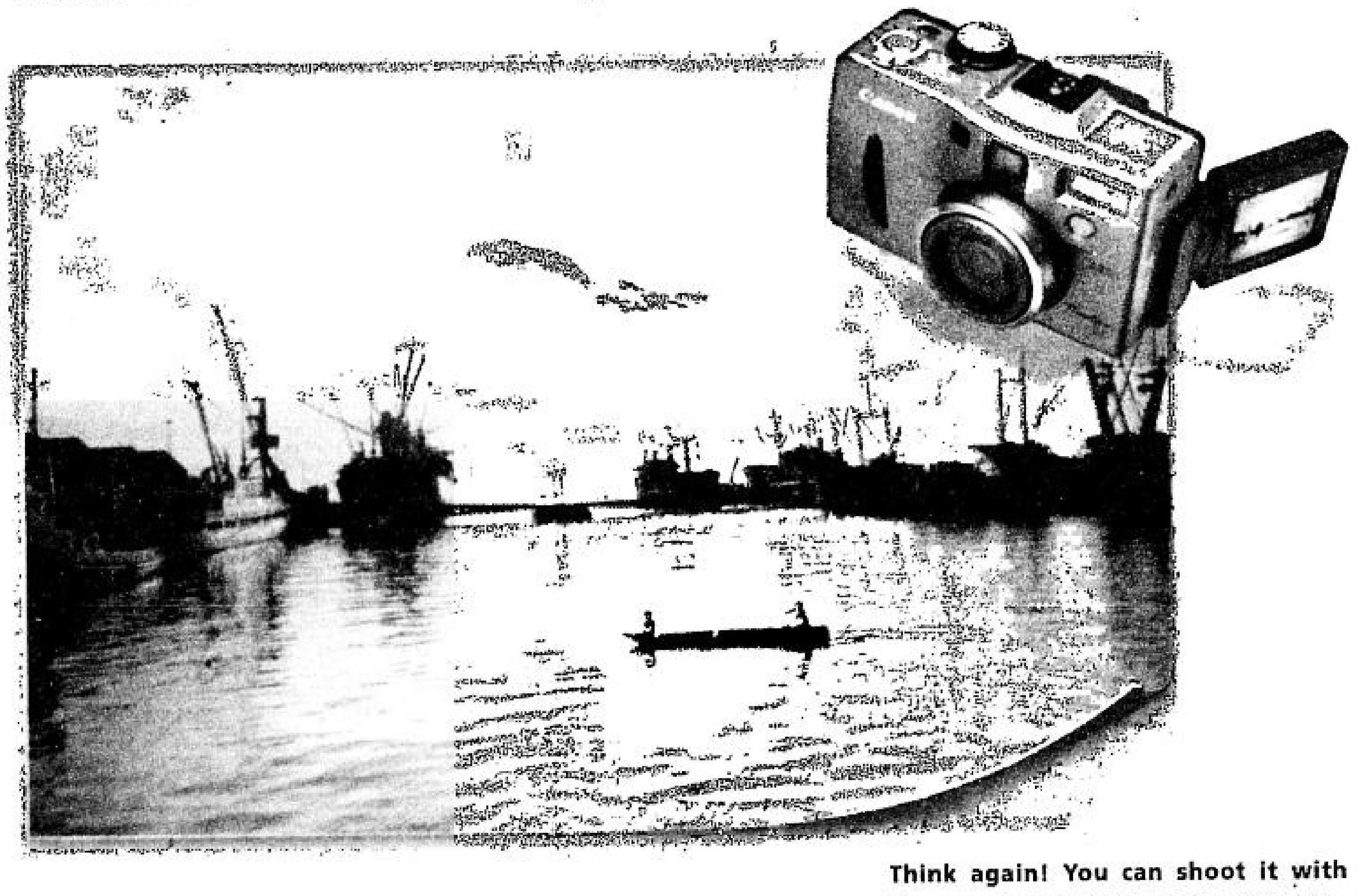

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Kawayan de Guia at Lopez Museum

KAWAYAN de Guia

"EARTH to Sky" is a project conceived by Kawayan de Guia for the Lopez Memorial Museum's second thread of exhibitions to encourage the growth of contemporary art and practice in whatever media.

De Guia, born in Baguio, studied at the Philippine High School for the Arts on Mt. Makiling, Laguna. His early work leaned toward the sculptural, which later developed toward out-of-studio work. De Guia's practice does not assume easily identifiable definitions within the matrix of current thinking, as his works are essentially postural both in their inception and execution. He looks to the prayer flags of Tibet, creates flower *mandalas*, criticizes the commercialism of the West and takes a trek of mountains. Embracing all media, De Guia's concerns center on drawing the community toward art-making as part of daily life.

"Earth to Sky" attempts to bring together the myriad aspects of De Guia's practice through photographic documentation, project studies, sketches, diaristic shoots, a sculptural work, installation and sound. The sound installation will be aired across the country on NU 107.5 as part of the sound piece. The airing is not a separate work, rather it forms an integral part of the sound installation, by bringing the piece outside of the gallery where most of De Guia's past installations have been situated. The project brings the outside in and the inside out.

The Lopez Memorial Museum is located at G/F Benpres Building, Exchange Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. The exhibition is open to the public Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (Monday to Friday), and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays.

Workshop

De Guia will conduct a workshop for kids on mixed media and collage on March 10, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The workshop is meant to introduce children and young adults to the various media collage techniques employed by artists. It is open to children ages 9-15. Workshop fee is P395 per participant. The workshop can accommodate only 15 participants.

Photographer Kidlat de Guia will conduct a workshop for kids on photography on March 17, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The workshop is meant to introduce children and young adults to the camera and particular photographic techniques. It is open to children ages 13-16. The participants should bring their own camera equipment, including film. Workshop fee is P395 per participant. The workshop can accommodate only 15 participants.

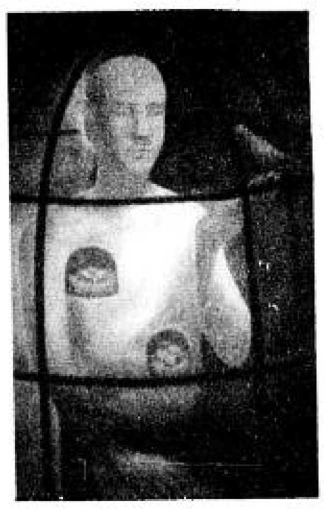
Call Fanny San Pedro at 631-2417 or 449-2355.

COMPUTER ART AT WEST GALLERY

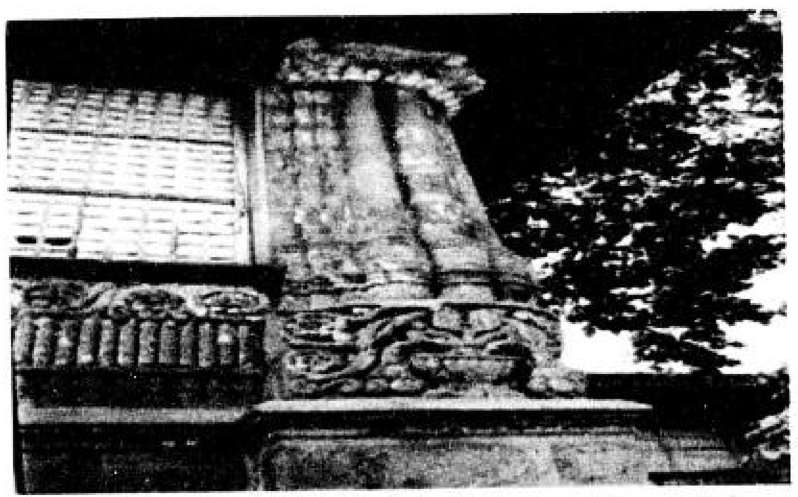
eArt Philippines will hold an exhibit of digital art at West Gallery (Marisan Center, 48 West Ave., QC) on March 9-21. Participating artists include (from left) Rosscapili, Joey Ong, Benjie Nuval, Al Manrique, Aileen Familara, Archie Degamo, Fatima Lasay, Kinjo Estioko, Heber Bartolome, Nelson Viterbo, John Marin Flores and Ronnie Millevo. Also joining are George Cabig, Ferdinand Doctolero and Dennis Magdamo. Call 411-0336/9221.

Javelosa at Gallery 139

JEANNIE Javelosa mounts her latest exhibit of pen and ink illustrations at Gallery 139 Glorietta 4, Ayala Center Makati. The drawings follow closely in the heels of Javelosa's other out-of-this-world expressions: her most recent visual output was a collection of 30 priest vestments which she painted in a really wild way. The exhibit runs until March 14.



"CAPTIVITY," by Zaniel Mariano will open on March 9 at Green Papaya Art Projects (Unit 304 Sterten Place Condominium, 116 Maginhawa St., Teachers Village East, Diliman, QC). Call 927-3187.



HEAVILY carved stone panels and decorated corner columns with flower patterns within geometric frames distinguish the Bulacan style of the *bahay na bato.*

The 'bahay na bato'

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where houses stood practically one against the other along narrow streets.

Lavish ornamentation is the hallmark the Bulacan house. Usually the ornamentation is on the upper level where motifs from nature and the heavens, symbols of Christianity and the caryatids and statues of Greek Classicism and other designs are incised and carved on stone walls, wood and shell windows and wooden wall panels. Roof eaves are likewise ornamented with cutouts to allow air to circulate within the roof.

According to Pedro Ortiz Armengol, scholar and former Spanish ambassador to the Philippines, "the Hispano-Filipino house improves on the indigenous house; at the same time it honors the latter by adopting and continuing its features."

Visual documents

The exhibit presents and preserves visual documents of traditional Philippine architecture, presenting the inspiration and the sources for the design of the Museo De La Salle. The exhibit makes the correlation that the Museo design is based on actual and authentic *bahay na bato* details, not flights of fancy.

"Wood, Stones and Shells" is a traveling exhibition of photographs originally taken in 1978-79 for the publication "Philippine Ancestral Houses" (GCF Books, Quezon City, 1980). Many of the houses featured in the exhibition have either been altered or worse, demolished.

This is an exhibition of photographs of traditional houses in the Philippines that demonstrate and project one area of Philippine excellence—in the wood and stone houses constructed between the 17th and early 20th centuries. It explains how the indigenous culture adapted colonial influences in architecture, fusing East and West, and developing an architecture that is totally Philippine.

As part of the extensive outreach program of the Metropolitan Museum, the photographs were reprinted with assistance from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts. The display packs into three small crates and transported for exhibition in various Philippine cities and in Vientiane, Laos. This is an exhibition that should be seen by as many people as possible.

For inquires on the mechanics for possible loans of this exhibition or for information on the other programs of the Metropolitan Museum of Manila, e-mail the Community Projects Division of the Museum at art4all@info.com.ph

The Museo De La Salle is in the Dasmariñas, Cavite campus of De La Salle University. It is open to the public Tuesdays to Saturdays. Call (046) 416-4531 local 3151.

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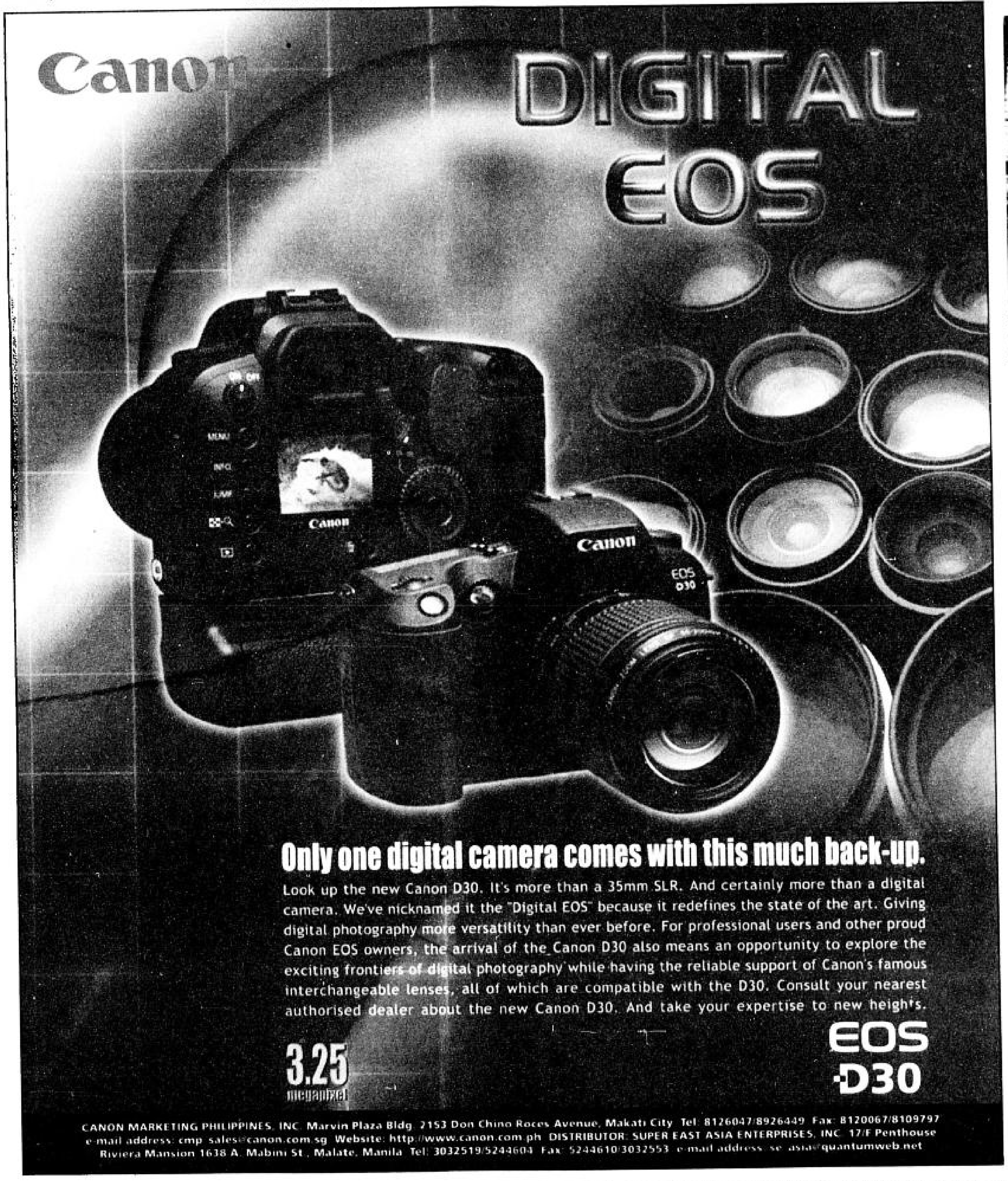

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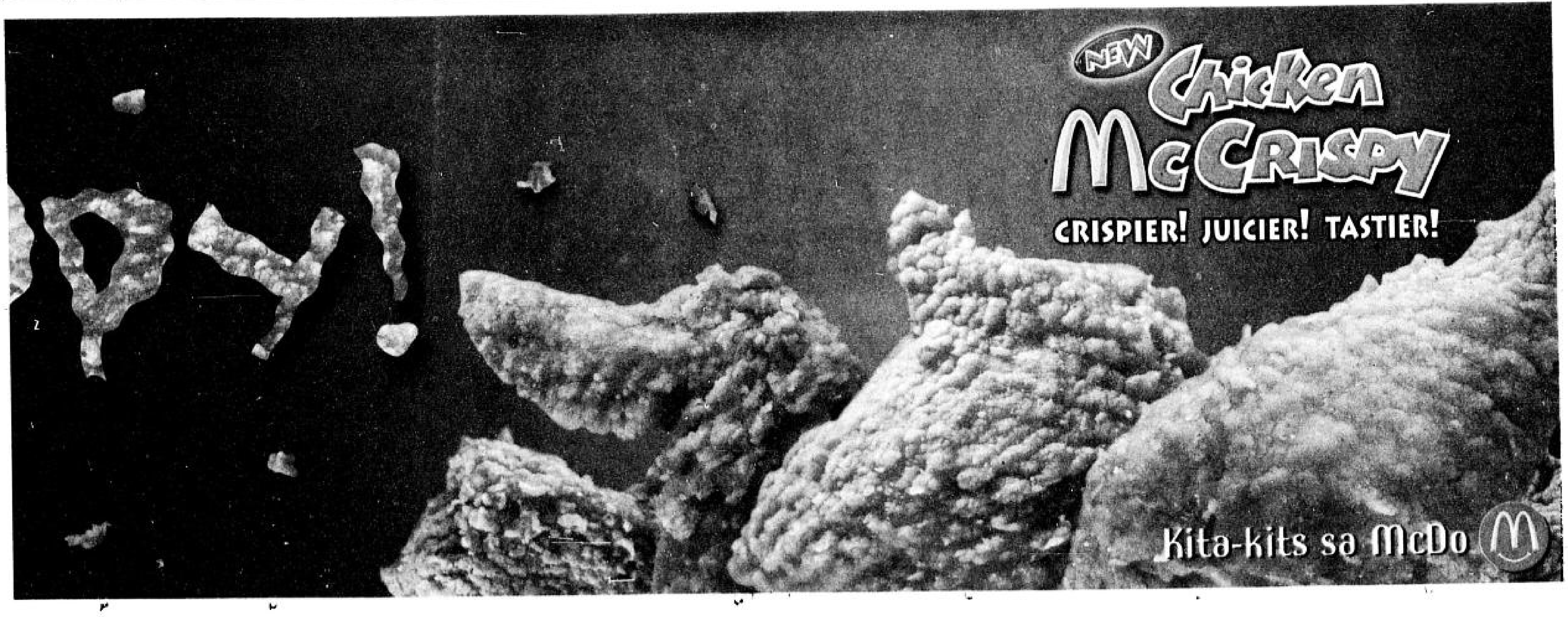

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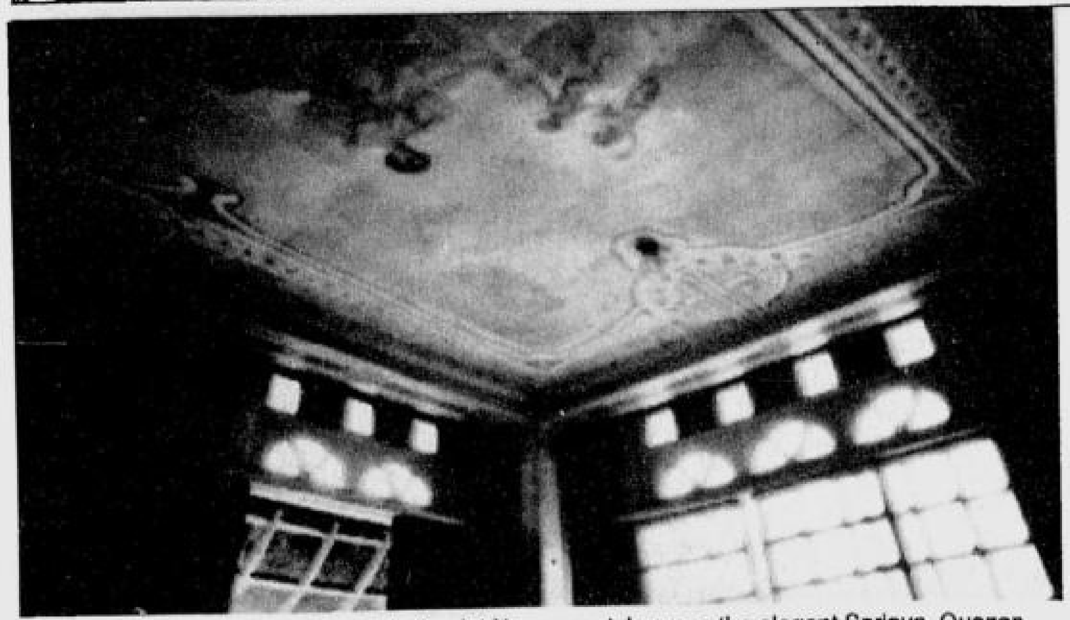

HANDPAINTED ceilings bordered in the Art Nouveau style grace the elegant Sariaya, Quezon *bahay na bato.* 'WOOD, STONES AND SHELLS' EXHIBIT OF THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF MANILA

THE MUSEO De La Salle is this Versailles of a *bahay na bato* standing in such splendor that it steals the show from the other replica heritage buildings grouped around the main plaza of the De La Salle campus in Dasmariñas, Cavite.

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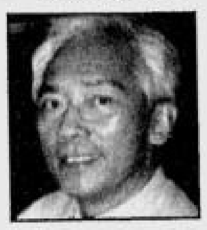
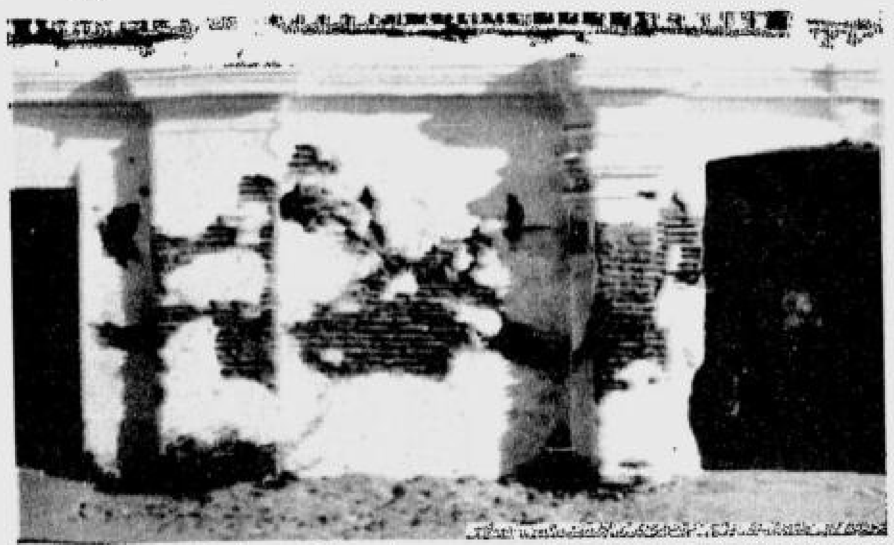


Augusto F. Villalon

Its majestic proportions dwarf any memories (or expectations, for that matter) of a traditional *bahay na bato*. The Museo is a completely new *bahay na bato* stretched into chateau proportions: loftier, bigger, but contrary to screaming nouveau ostentation as expected, after its one year of existence it looks like it has been there forever. It fits in perfectly with the acacias that shade it and with the twin artificial lakes that surround its *azotea*.

The Museo was patterned after the best extant examples of the *bahay na bato* in the Philippines: the Constantino house in Balagtas, Bulacan; the Arnedo-Gonzalez house in Sulipan, Apalit, Pampanga; and the Santos-Joven-Panlilio house in Bacolor, Pampanga. Family heirlooms on long-term loan or donation to the museum came from the Santos-Joven-Panlilio, Arnedo-Gonzalez, Macasaet-Augousti, Sandoval-Laya and Lammoglia-Virata families; they are presented in settings that follow authentic 19th century interior arrangements.

Currently on view at the Museo (until March 15), is the "Wood, Stones and Shells" exhibition of the Metropolitan Museum of Manila that lays out 50 black-and-whites by outstanding photographer Neal Oshima. The photographs of exceptional *bahay na bato* all over the country go beyond being art objects in themselves and as records of an artist's vision. The crisp photographs stir an awareness of the importance of saving and taking care of our national architectural legacy.



PEELING protective layer of lime stucco exposes the structural brick in this Vigan house, illustrating the typical Ilocano brick construction with plain, unadorned pilasters.

Included in the exhibit are photographs that show carpentry details: of joinery skills that piece together trusses, rafters and beams that are fitted together rather than nailed. Wooden pegs are inserted for added firmness. In some provincial houses, ceilings were of *sawali* and roofs of nipa because they were lighter. Later fashion for ceiling treatment is also shown, such as handing on wood or canvas, and pressed metal ceilings imported from Europe.

Light air freely circulated around the house. Carved wooden fretwork above the interior doors allowed air passage while doors were closed. In later years, the fretwork (called *calado*, a descriptive term taken from lacework) was no longer confined to just above the door, it stretched along the entire wall from post to post.

Windows

Windows were important elements in the *bahay na bato*. The upper-story windows rarely were grilled. Windows on the ground floor were always heavily grilled with cut-iron in ornate design. The large capiz windows (*ventana*) on the upper floor slid completely open, making entire sides of the house disappear completely to the outdoors. A second set of sliding wooden louvers kept the sun away while allowing air to enter the house. Beneath the *ventana* is the *ventanilla* (small window), panels slide open behind wooden balusters to catch more light and air, a Southeast Asian innovation adapted by the Filipinos that does not appear in Spanish and American homes.

The expansive interior of the *bahay na bato* reflected the lifestyle of the era. The living room (*sala*) was the central space in the house, and bedrooms opened into it. A large wooden table long enough to seat an entire extended family was the focus of the dining room. Behind it was the kitchen, a dark area where cooking was done by rich and poor alike on ash-covered stoves. The *banggera*, an exposed dish rack of wooden slates cantilevered out of a window, was an exuberant piece of carpentry where the carpenter let his imagination loose.

There are regional variations in the *bahay na bato*. In Taal, Batangas, houses tend to be tall and narrow, some are buttressed against the earthquakes caused by the volcano.

The early Ilocano house is built of brick throughout, with plain, unadorned pilasters for decoration. This is noticeable in the commercial center of Vigan

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The show must go on . . . if it can

By Bart Guingona

OF STAGE

Philippine stage is replete with crises and uncanny events messing up performances. No wonder theater artists are a superstitious lot

WE'VE all heard horror stories about things screwing up a live theatrical performance: earthquakes that interrupt scenes ("The Mousetrap" of Repertory), helicopters not landing ("Miss Saigon"), actors falling into orchestra pits (I'd mention names if it didn't mean making lifetime enemies), undone zippers upstaging the lead actor (me as "Macbeth"). I even saw a performance in London where a cast member, seemingly drunk, came in late for his cue, looking totally bewildered, and then proceeding to mouth lines from another scene. It's no wonder most theater artists are a superstitious lot. You can't eat peanuts backstage, nor say "good luck" to an actor before a performance (it's always "break a leg!") and if you happen to even mention "Macbeth" backstage, you'd have to walk out, turn around thrice and spit over your shoulder before being allowed in again.

I've always thought of myself as an iconoclast, a modern cynic who believes as much in the science of the theater as in its art. Not rain nor storm nor poverty, not superstition nor even "*balat sa puwet*" has ever stopped me from putting on a show—yet—although I must admit I've come damned close to canceling one many times.

One day I got a call from a journalist friend who teased me, "*Talagang may balat ka.*" And she didn't have to convince me to stand with my back to the full-length mirror to examine my posterior closely (Alas, I didn't find the villainous birthmark).

ILLUSTRATION: STEPH BRAVO

Consider this. The opening play of our current TNT Series, "Francis" ran for two weekends but opened on an appallingly stormy night. That we got an audience to see it at all was a miracle I might attribute to the Assisi saint himself.

The weekend rains did not stop until the middle of the next week (just our luck) when we had no shows and then picked up again when the next weekend came around (sigh). The show was enough of a success, though, for us to have packed the houses in our final performances, impress the critics and embark on a tour (our host cities unfailingly wondered where the unseasonal rains came from when we performed there).

Problematic

The next show in the series, "Speed-the-Plow" was problematic from the very start—"Speed" the what? What does that mean? That's a pretty weird title. What's it about? People couldn't hack David Mamet's cryptic title without my having to go into some kind of theatrical discussion on its meanings.

"Trust me," I told everyone, "it's brilliant." They didn't. I had sponsors back out after the *jueteng* scandal broke and the one weekend I pushed, wouldn't you know it, rained cats dogs and even trees. Another storm made a courtesy call on us.

But the opening night of "Speed-the-Plow" was full and the reviews were uniformly excellent. Not bad, I told myself. Good batting average all around, storm attendance included. All modesty aside I was getting pretty happy about the consistent high praise of our work was getting, particularly for this extremely difficult but artistically rewarding piece.

Next up was going to be a cinch. I wasn't going to leave anything to chance. "Five Women Wearing the Same Dress" was a very funny play with enough intelligence to put it a notch above the rest. I assembled a dream cast of beautiful women. The play's January schedule guaranteed great weather and I smugly told myself, "Nothing can go wrong!"

Wouldn't you know it, the *jueteng* scandal turned into the "trial of the century"—and in the same building we were holding our plays! I kept crossing my fingers (even as I rabidly and actively opposed the corrupt incumbent regime) that the trial would end soon and allow me to put the play on. I kept thinking about my poor sponsors who had enough faith in AAI to plunk down resources, about the hardworking cast members, and even about the staff and crew who depend on the productions to get by.

Uncertainty

Although invitations and cocktails had been set for opening night on Friday, Jan. 19, I was filled with apprehension and uncertainty about the feasibility, if not possibility of pushing through with opening night. The trial *did* end on the Tuesday night of the week we were to open, and I was overjoyed not only because the miracle of People Power was once again blossoming before my very eyes, but also secretly because it meant I would be able to have my opening. As it turned out, the rejoicing turned out to be premature.

That fateful Friday, still debating with myself about whether I should open the show that same evening, I thought wryly: "Maybe if I had TV monitors tuned in to Edsa onstage as the girls performed, the audience might conceivably watch the play. By mid-afternoon, when Gen. Reyes made his way to the shrine, I was overjoyed. My heart leapt because it meant it would all be over soon. It also meant my decision about opening night was taken care of. I definitely had to postpone my opening night. I needed to be there at Edsa, too.

The story doesn't end there. The show went on to be our biggest hit. Audiences and critics raved. The second weekend saw packed houses, that at one point, as I paced nervously backstage, Rachel (Alejandro) pointed out to the others that I was the first producer she'd ever seen who got nervous when there was a full house. I looked at her sheepishly and said it was because I wasn't used to it. It's one thing to have one of the best shows in town. It's another story to have people actually flock to see it!

Well, this weekend, Friday and Saturday, we're restaging "Five Women Wearing The Same Dress" at the Music Museum. I'm hoping nothing untoward beyond the usual horrific traffic jams derails the show. But if it does rain, let me tell you now, categorically, that my butt is clear.

Actor's Actors Inc. hit comedy starring Dindi Gallardo, Lara Fabregas, Cris Villonco, Miren Alvarez and Rachel Alejandro is slated for two more performances on March 9 and 10, 9 p.m.. at the Music Museum. Call 536-5844.

Awakenings

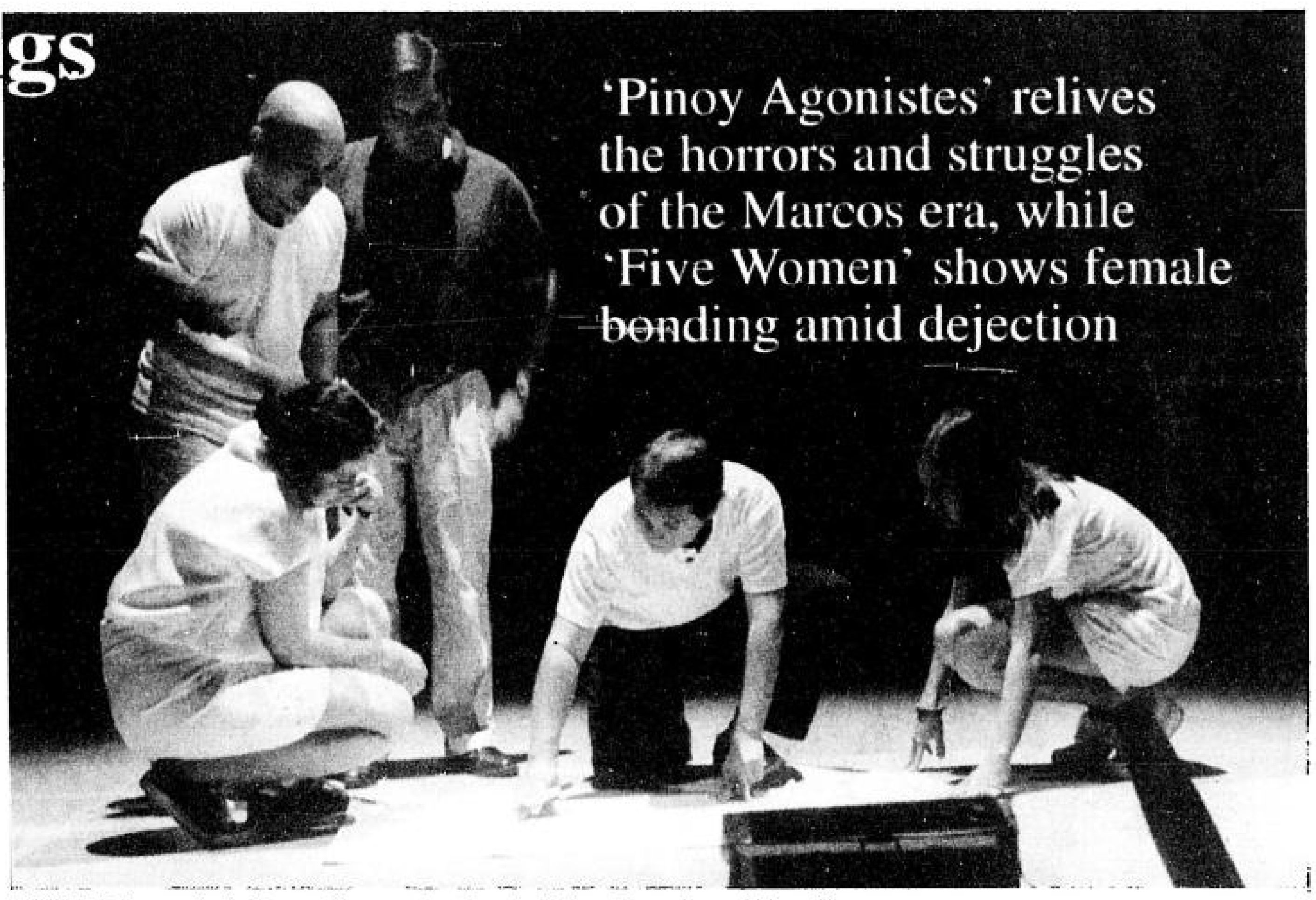
'Pinoy Agonistes' relives the horrors and struggles of the Marcos era, while 'Five Women' shows female bonding amid dejection

By Cora Llamas

REVIEWS

IT was a must to watch Tanghalang Pilipino's "Pinoy Agonistes." The playwright is National Artist Nick Joaquin, a legend in his own time. The setting was the Martial Law era, which had greatly scarred our history and national psyche.

The author's much earlier work, "Portrait of the Artist as Filipino," also captured the spirit of an age. It mourned the passing of the glorious prewar era, even as it applauded the era's courageous last stand against crass modernism.


RICHARD Joson, Josie Roces-Chavez, Apa Ongpin, Boboy Garovillo and Missy Maramara

Damascus experience

"Pinoy's" storyline focuses on the sociopolitical awakening of an upper middle-class family. To paraphrase main character Leo (Boboy Garovillo, alternated by Subas Herrero), it is a Damascus experience for the honest, hardworking citizens whose passivity has made them unwitting accomplices—not just victims—of the Marcos dictatorship. They have to be stripped, piece by piece, of their rights and dreams before they could cry "Enough!"

Joaquin and director Nonon Padilla lead us through this ordeal quietly. Sometimes, too quietly. "Agonistes" shares many similar elements with "Portrait": An invisible dramatic focal point (Leo's car model in the living room), the third wall and plenty of analytical discussion written with Joaquin's customary depth and elegance.

The action is confined in the car magnate's living room, designed with gray and purple automobile-looking accessories by Salvador Bernal. The events in the outside world are talked about (by the main characters), not seen (crony takeover of Leo's company, the closure of wife Isabel's magazine, the salvaging and tortures, etc.). During the play's first half, as the players seethe underneath all that verbiage, the impact is almost cerebral. There are no sweeping tides of passion to provoke our outrage or move us to weep.

The reality of the outside world breaks in occasionally, through activist Rommel's (Richard Joson) dire warnings. Or through the maid Emperatriz's (Tessie Tomas, alternated by Mitch Valdez) scene-stealing anecdotes, told with all the color, bravura and exasperated humor of the underdog Pinoy. But what finally puts a face to the suave but lethal monster lurking outside is Bong Chavez's clipped, poker-faced Metrocom cop.

MITCH Valdez and Boboy Garovillo

Moral punches

The emotional wallop does come at the end. It is voiced out ironically by grownup kids Rene (Apa Ongpin) and Marilu (Missy Maramara), Leo's excuse for his cowardice. So much is said in just two lines in the final confrontation.

"I never said yes to Marcos!"

"But you never said no either!"

Padilla's restrained direction, minus his usual nonstop visual display, lets the material stand on its own. The occasional song-and-dance, though, hit home and at the right places. The climactic, tongue-in-cheek Yellow Revolution cemented the emotional connection with the post-Edsa-II audience.

The clever comic musical numbers in between scenes, where Blue Ladies and military soldiers sing yesterday's hits, stung even before you realized it. Whoever thought a Barbra Streisand ditty could capture a nation's moral default ("So it's the laughter that we remember, when we choose to remember the way we were")? Or that Freddie Aguilar's "Anak" could sound like a call for national repentance ("*Nagsisisi at alam mong ikaw ay nagkamali*?")

GIRL TALK. Rachel Alejandro, Lara Fabregas, Miren Lavarez and Dindi Gallardo in "Five Women."

Personal factor

One last thing: A viewer's emotional response to the play may depend on the generation he lives in. The play is packed with rich details of the Marcos years, even the inside jokes, that they can either trigger strong memories or just go past the viewer's head.

An elementary grader during the so-called New Society, I guffawed at the "*bisikleta-disiplina*" punch line; images of a famous '70s comedian biking in some military camp flashed through my mind. The college kids around me didn't even snicker. They also didn't get it when Isabel (Josephine Roces-Chavez) outlined her plans for an underground paper. I wanted to cheer—that scene relived the rebirth of press freedom.

Others, my peers or my elders, must have felt that way. (I caught the show with a student crowd.) Maybe, with more of them in the audience, especially those who had lived during those times, the applause would have been much louder.

A polite bitch fest

"Five Women Wearing the Same Dress," Actors Actors Inc.'s (AAI) first foray into light, uncomplicated (compared to past productions), but still thinking [wo]man's comedy is funny, bittersweet, but not hilarious. It's one sardonic, wry chuckle, with a few warm smiles, but not nonstop, bellyaching laughter.

Five ladies who barely know each other play bridesmaids to a girl they all dislike. Hiding away in one room from the loathsome pretentious socializing, their walls soon fall down and they bond, finding a common element in their plight.

Or try to, anyway. Writer Alan Ball (of "American Beauty" fame) does a good exposition. In the first act, the five ladies come clean with their prerequisite closet pains and passions. Firebrand Meredith who hides a dark secret (Lara Fabregas), cynical ice beauty Trisha (Dindi Gallardo), unhappily married, hopeless romantic Georganne (Miren Alvarez), outcast lesbian Mindy (Rachel Alejandro) and misfit religious innocent Frances (Cris Villonco).

But the second act does not quite connect them, in spite of the author's intentions. Trisha and Frances fight then make up. Meredith spurs Mindy's friendship. Georganne gets drunk over her loveless state. These flames burn bright but remain isolated scenes; they don't sizzle enough to create a bond. We're really not quite sure about what these ladies learned from (and not just about) each other. Neither does it seem like they'll get in touch with one another after the wedding. And should Meredith's trauma be left unhealed?

In its first run, a couple of months ago, the performances were uneven. Stage veterans Alvarez and Fabregas expectedly ran with the play, and Alejandro gave a strong turn as the embattled sexual outcast with a heart of gold. Villonco's sweet, pretty Frances was one-dimensional; soon enough, the Christian jokes became redundant. While Gallardo was properly cool, she didn't thaw gradually toward the end, as the script called for.

Fortunately, Bart Guingona has always been an actor's director; hopefully, the performances this second round would be more uniformly polished. That would give the material the spark it needs.

Concert enthralls Davaoeños

By Fe R. Dacudao
Photos by Roland Jumawan

A ROMANTIC Valentine concert, "Gifts from the Heart," enchanted Davao music lovers. Performers were tenor Ramon Acoymo, soprano Alegria Ocampo-Ferrer and pianist Mauricia D. Borromeo. Sponsored by the UP Alumni Association Davao Inc., the concert at the Marco Polo Davao ballroom had a repertoire of classical, popular and Filipino love songs.

Young and talented Acoymo has performed in concert halls in New York, New Jersey, Rottenburg and Manila. A magna cum laude graduate of BS in Voice from UP and a master's degree holder in Voice from the University of Wyoming, Acoymo is assistant professor of Voice and Music Theater at the UP College of Music

Beauteous Alegria Ocampo-Ferrer, on the other hand, is also a UP Bachelor and Master of Music graduate and teaches Voice at the UP College of Music. She was a scholar at the Mozart School of Music in Salzburg.

Prof. Mauricia D. Borromeo, dean of the UP College of Music, teaches piano performance and music education. She has been resource speaker in music education and piano pedagogy workshops all over the country, and has authored many articles on Philippine music.

Acoymo and Ferrer sang a love song medley, which included "My Funny Valentine." They also sang romantic French compositions of Lully and Ravel, and songs of Ginastera ("Chacacera") and Obispo ("You are the Music"). Ferrer performed Filipino folk songs.

The romantic musical evening culminated with Abelardo's "Mutya ng Pasig" and Bernstein's "Tonight." The performers gave an encore: Weber's "Phantom of the Opera."

Proceeds of the concert will fund a scholarship program. UP Alumni Association Davao Inc. is led by Zony Reyes, president, and Cherry Napala, project chair.

TENOR Ramon Acoymo and soprano Alegria Ferrer passionately rendering a love song.

PIANIST Mauricia D. Borromeo

Let us now praise regional filmmakers

By Constantino C. Tejero

IT never came out in the national papers but it became a hot topic for weeks in the Ilonggo art circuit.

Last Feb. 16, three short features by young filmmakers from Iloilo dominated the 14th Gawad CCP para sa Alternatibong Pelikula at Video, besting four other entries from the University of the Philippines Film Institute in Diliman.

The remarkable thing is, these Ilonggo filmmakers never went to film school, their entries being products of a two-week workshop conducted by the Mowelfund Film Institute. Even more remarkable, they worked on a P150,000 budget, or an average of P50,000 for each film, yet they've turned out works that can only be called professional.

"Batchoyan sa Banwa (Noodle House in Town)" by Eileen Ocampo and "Hulot (Room)" by Ma. Theresa Tejero tied for first place in the Short Feature Film category, and each received citation as Best Work from the Regions. "Dihon (Form)" by Alan Cabalfin won third prize. (No second prize was given for short features.) "Palugid (Margins)" by Paolo Villaluna, an Ilonggo based in Manila, won second prize in the Documentary Film category. All four wrote their own scripts.

The features, billed as Pioneer Ilonggo Short Films, were received by enthusiastic audiences when they were premiered at the 8th Pelikula at Lipunan filmfest held in Iloilo City last month. The premiere was attended by Canne's Palme d'Or winner Raymond Red. Unfortunately, they didn't get as much notice when they were screened in Manila two weeks later, as the media largely ignored them.

Art and poverty

"Dihon" (35 mm, 16 mins) is a rumination on art, the artist and his muse. The photography is handsome, particularly the lighting. The smooth transition from a shot of a lump of clay being molded by a potter's hands into a jar segueing perfectly into a pubescent torso, for instance, points to this sure handling of the camera. It not only articulates a metaphor but also displays a technical feat that's jolting.

The filmmaker could have been acquainted with Visconti's "Death in Venice," as his story of a man languishing in his solitude and pining for a boy resembles that film adaptation of the Thomas Mann novella. The boy, of course, stands for beauty, the artist's inspiration, and the inviolateness of art in a desecrated world—but the film's homoerotic element is so strong the viewer is distracted from all profundity of thoughts.

Worth mentioning is that desolate old woman gathering salt on the seashore. She, we presume, stands for a dying civilization.

"Batchoyan sa Banwa" (35 mm, 15 mins) has a slight story, almost an anecdote, of a small boy from a remote barrio who goes to town with his father in hopes of eating *batchoy* after the father would have sold a wicker sofa he made. What the film is, actually, is a touching portrayal of the deprivation of a child.

The cinematography is striking, as in the scenic imagery of rice field, bridge, irrigation dam, trees. The first shot alone jolts the viewer to attention: of a guava fruit hanging on a branch suddenly grabbed by a hand, then the blissful face of a boy biting at the fruit dominating the screen.

The editing is accomplished, particularly in that rapid intercutting of shots of the father haggling with a customer on the sidewalk and of the boy inside a nearby *carinderia* watching the ritualistic preparation of that famous Ilonggo noodle soup. The intercutting enhances the suspense, heightens the viewer's perception of hunger on the boy's face, while showing the pathos of the father.

The image of the father carrying the bamboo sofa across the landscape recalls similar scenes in Mohsen Makhmalbaf's "The Door." In fact, in its rural milieu and moving portrayal of a child's universe, this small gem resembles an Iranian film.

Women's oppression

"Hulot" (35 mm, 20 mins) is a different world altogether. In its portrait of the decaying aristocracy of the South, it more resembles the world of Faulkner and Garcia Marquez. But here the setting is more atmospheric than organic because the film's real concern is the oppression of women, not the twisted psychology of ebullient or gloomy characters.

It could have been Bergmanesque in its use of the room as setting and three women as characters, but then again it has a different concern. Here the room is less an arena of conflict than a symbol of "the four pillars of oppression (political, cultural, economic and social institutions) that have historically bound women." And the matriarch, her daughter and the granddaughter are more allegorical representations than real characters. This is not necessarily a flaw, of course, as the filmmaker might have aspired after a meditation rather than a tale.

The editing is rather showy, necessitated by a disjointed narrative and a host of symbols. For a small-budget film, its production design, cinematography and lighting, and musical scoring are remarkable—one can see that only creativity has kept this project afloat.

A lovely instance is when the humming rendition of the Ilonggo lullaby "Ili, Ili, Tulog Anay" at the beginning becomes organ music halfway into the film, thus effectively transforming lullaby into dirge. This, we presume, is yet another comment on the oppression of women from birth to death.

A national cinema

During these films' premiere, Mowelfund executive director and filmmaker Nick Deocampo sent a faxed message from Berlin, where he was at that time acting as president of the jury in one portion of the Berlin film festival: "Manila has had its share of making and showing films. It is time that the regions in our country contribute in this important task of building a national cinema. Iloilo has done its share, and now you are here to witness the birth of a regional cinema."

To further make Philippine cinema less Tagalog-centric and truly national, the recent Pelikula at Lipunan filmfest was billed as Cinema in the Islands. The next Mowelfund workshop will be held in Bicol, to assist what Deocampo hopes would be the birthing of Bicolano cinema.

Aside from Deocampo himself, there are other prominent people in the Philippine film industry who have Ilonggo roots: directors Peque Gallaga and Marilou Diaz-Abaya, Manunuri founding father Nestor U. Torre, filmmaker Lav Diaz, actors Pancho Magalona and Joel Torre, actress Susan Roces. But none of them has made an Ilonggo feature film. (Gallaga made an interesting attempt for television in the late 1980s.)

At one time Lav Diaz expressed a wish to make his dream film all-Ilongo from cast to crew, with Ilonggo dialogues. When Deocampo heard about this, he vowed to beat Diaz to it.

This, we hope, is the start of something beautiful.

ILLUSTRATION: STEPH BRAVO

Kahit big girl na, baby pa rin

Ipinakikilala, gatas na bagay sa lumalaki. Bonakid.

Malaki na ang kanyang ipinagbago. Ngayon, mabigat na siya, biglang tangkad, at maraming kayang gawin. Pero kung tutuusin, baby pa ang katawan niya. Hindi pa ganap ang kanyang paglaki.

Kaya may bagong Bonakid. Ang Bonakid ay sadyang ginawa para sa kanya. May tamang sustansya sa tamang sukat. Dahil bata pa ang kanyang mga buto, baby pa ang ngipin, kailangan niya ng mas maraming calcium.

Dahil maselan pa ang kanyang tiyan, kailangan walang butterfat. At dahil lumalaki pa siya, kailangan niya ng mas maraming protina, iron at B-complex. Dahil espesyal ang iyong anak, bigyan mo siya ng espesyal na alaga.

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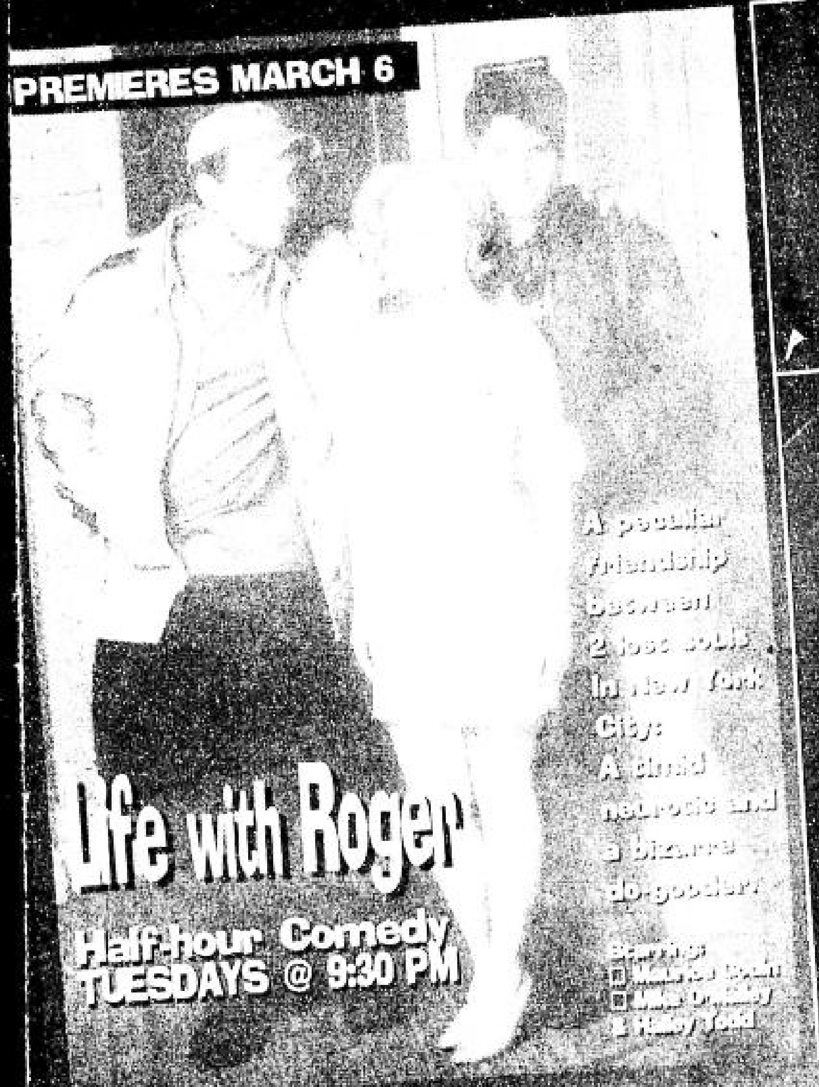

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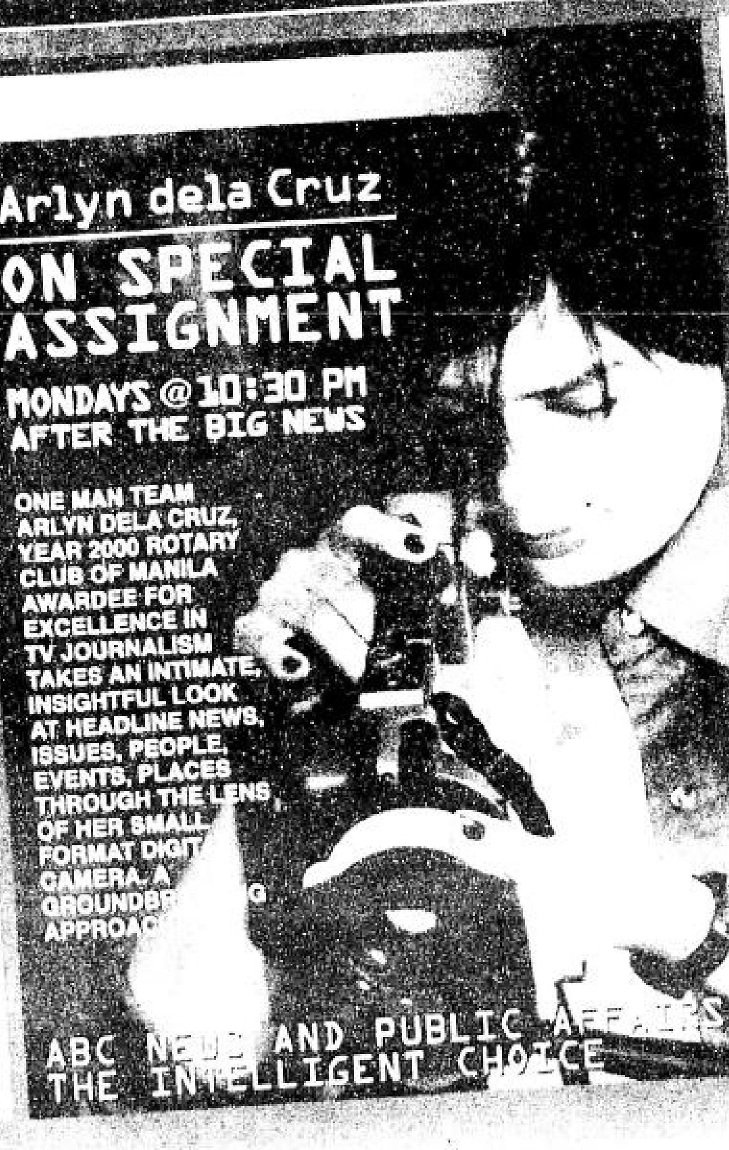

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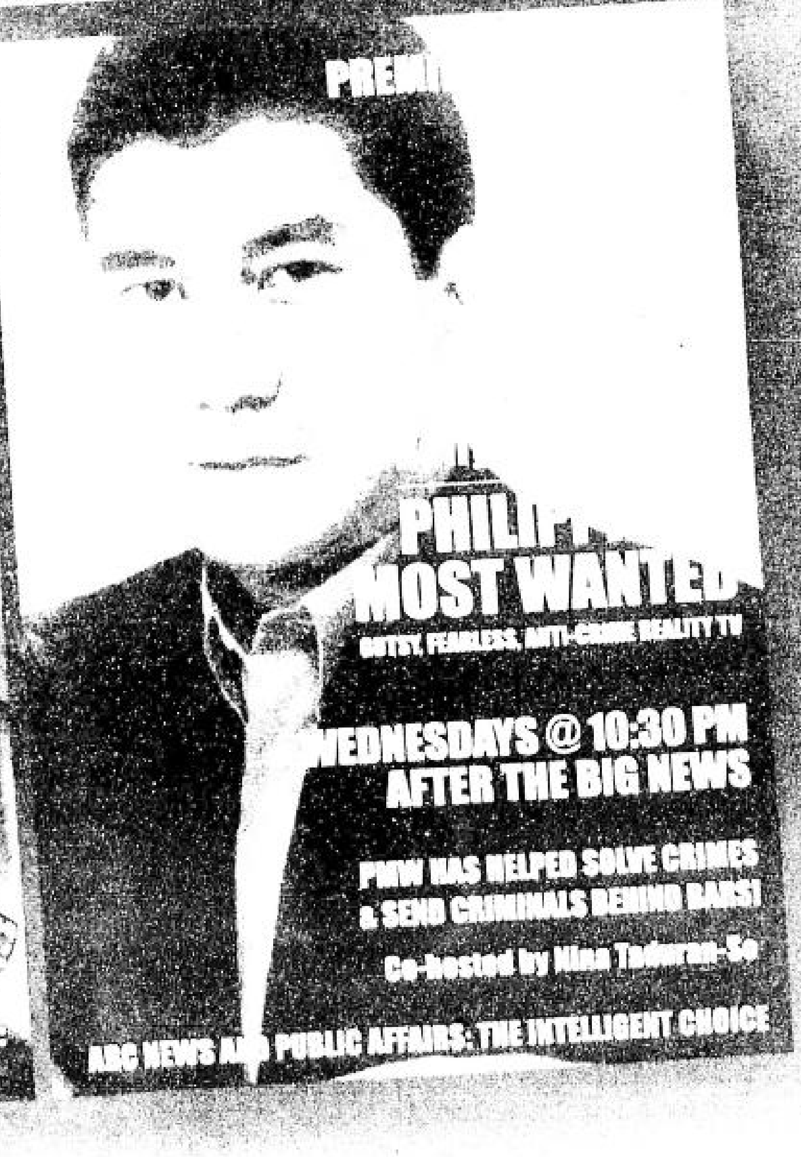

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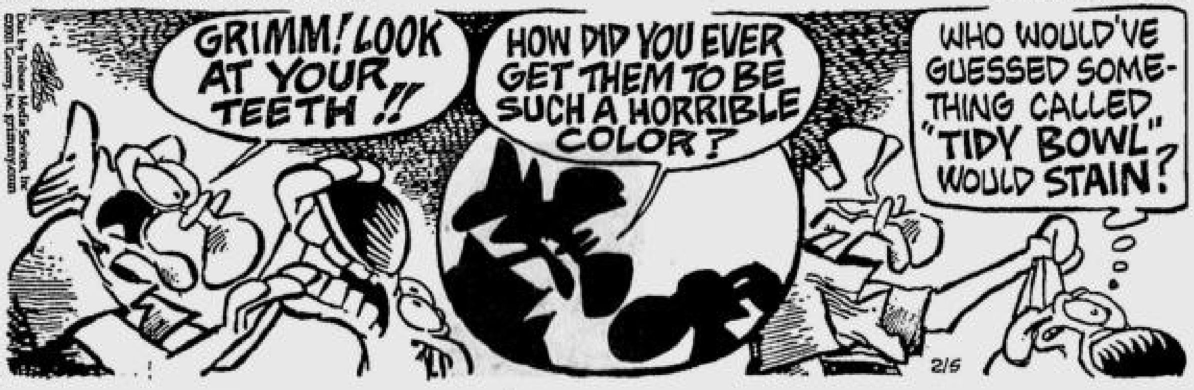
GRIMM! LOOK AT YOUR TEETH !!
HOW DID YOU EVER GET THEM TO BE SUCH A HORRIBLE COLOR?
WHO WOULD'VE GUESSED SOMETHING CALLED "TIDY BOWL" WOULD STAIN?
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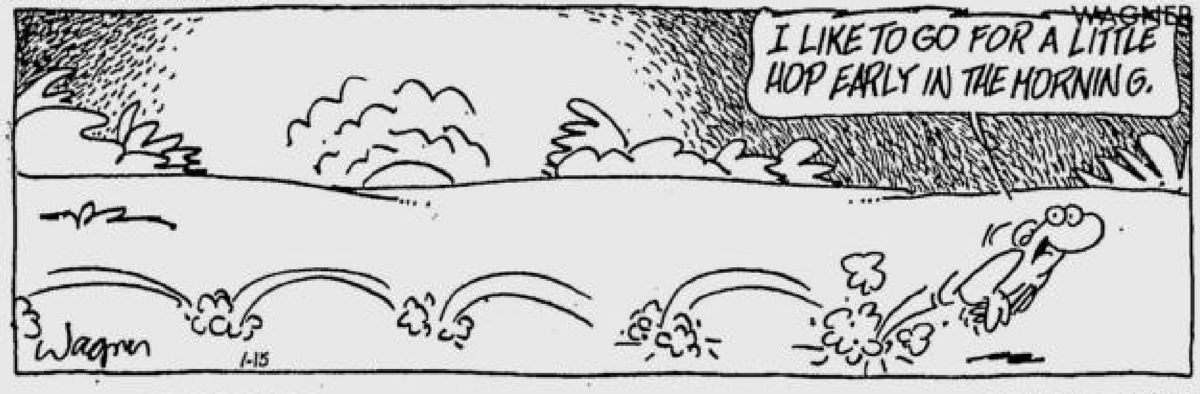
ANIMAL CRACKER

BY FRED WAGNER


I LIKE TO GO FOR A LITTLE HOP EARLY IN THE MORNING.
Wagner
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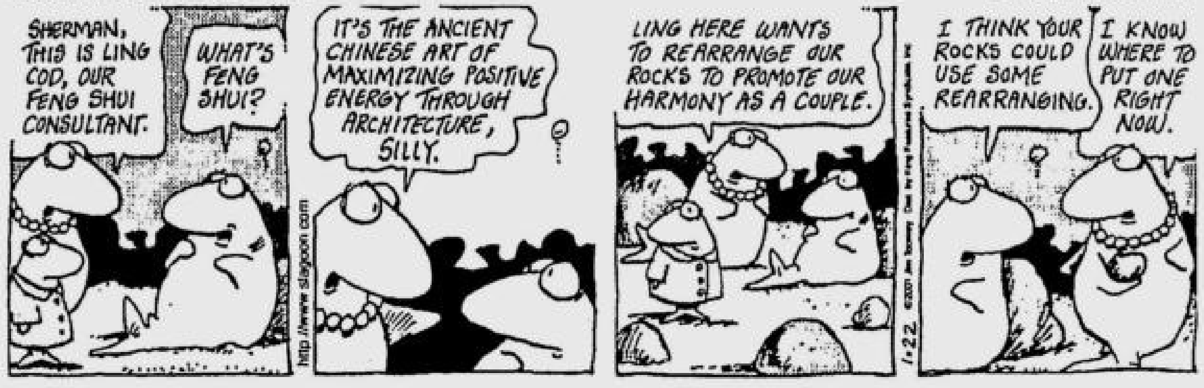
SHERMAN'S LAGOON

BY JIM TOOMEY


SHERMAN, THIS IS LING COD, OUR FENG SHUI CONSULTANT.
WHAT'S FENG SHUI?
IT'S THE ANCIENT CHINESE ART OF MAXIMIZING POSITIVE ENERGY THROUGH ARCHITECTURE, SILLY.
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LING HERE WANTS TO REARRANGE OUR ROCKS TO PROMOTE OUR HARMONY AS A COUPLE.
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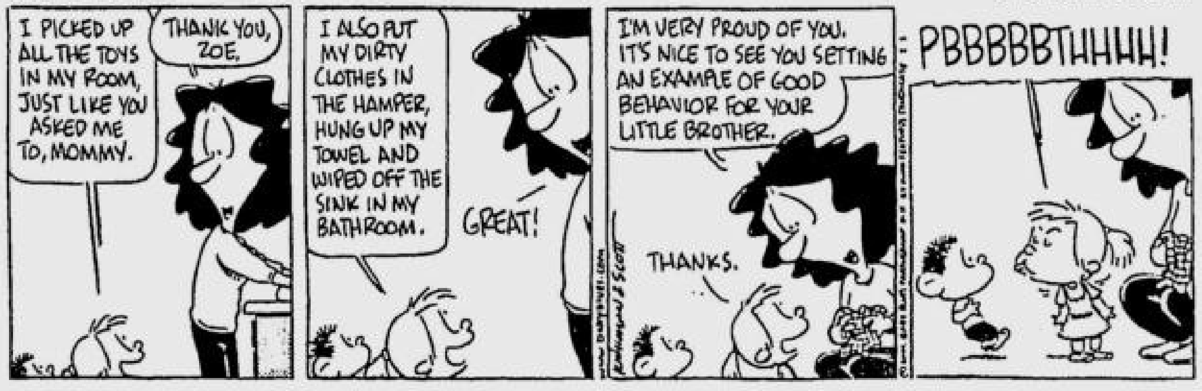
I THINK YOUR ROCKS COULD USE SOME REARRANGING.
I KNOW WHERE TO PUT ONE RIGHT NOW.

BABY BLUES

BY JERRY SCOTT


I PICKED UP ALL THE TOYS IN MY ROOM, JUST LIKE YOU ASKED ME TO, MOMMY.
THANK YOU, ZOE.
I ALSO PUT MY DIRTY CLOTHES IN THE HAMPER, HUNG UP MY TOWEL AND WIPED OFF THE SINK IN MY BATHROOM.
GREAT!
I'M VERY PROUD OF YOU. IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU SETTING AN EXAMPLE OF GOOD BEHAVIOR FOR YOUR LITTLE BROTHER.
THANKS.
PBBBBBTHHHH!

HOROSCOPE

BY EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Dean Stockwell, Samantha Eggar, Rex Harrison, Penn Jillette, Niki Taylor, Jake Lloyd

Happy Birthday: Do your own thing and you'll be fine this year. You will win hearts and convince those less spontaneous to join you in whatever direction you decide to follow. Your strong will, quick wit and sheer determination will help you through any pitfalls. Regardless of the path you choose, stay focused and you will reach your destination successfully. Your numbers: 5, 16, 28, 33, 40, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Uncertainties at home should not be cause for alarm. A move is evident, and the problems that exist will be eliminated. Just bide your time and let things unfold as they may.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Clear up that overdue correspondence. Don't become intimate with colleagues or involved in gossip at work. Pleasure trips will break your budget. Be prepared to make cutbacks.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It is best not to be tempted to take part in joint financial ventures. You may have difficulties with your stomach if you overindulge or eat spicy foods.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your emotions are likely to take over today. Try hard to work by yourself and not let anyone goad you into a debate. You really need your peace and quiet.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Making changes to provide your family with a better home-entertainment center will ensure that you will spend more time together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your need to interact with others can be satisfied if you sign up to help worthy organizations. You have a knack for putting things together well, and for paying close attention to small but important details. Your services will be valued.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let anyone talk you into doing things that you'd prefer not to do. You need to please yourself for a change instead of everyone else. It's time to follow your own beliefs and not someone else's.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are beginning to see things through different eyes. Your awareness is growing, and your motives are changing. Don't be afraid to follow a new direction. You must take control of your future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Financial failures are likely if you expanded your interests too quickly. Look into ways of helping children or relatives solve their problems without donating your own funds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will have regrets if you allow a dispute to get out of hand. Be cautious how you handle your business and emotional partnerships.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look into career opportunities that will lead to a higher earning potential. You need to use your ingenuity if you want to get ahead. Believe in yourself and so will others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Words of love will be dancing through your head. Get out with that special person in your life. You need to spend time enjoying the finer things in life.

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6 Natural alarm clock?
10 Declare
14 Eagle's pad
15 Medley
16 Alternative to suspenders
17 Spiritual nourishment
18 Takes the cake
19 First name in mysteries
20 Florida 2000 concern
23 Ornamental button
24 Slippery fish
25 Goal
28 Soundless agreement
31 Monster of myth
33 Masquerade mask
35 Freezes
37 Per unit
39 "The Planets" composer
40 Florida 2000 concern
43 Dim with tears
44 Racetrack ribbon
45 Swiss bowman
46 Very slow tempos
48 Related
50 Get the picture
51 Goof
52 Show no respect: slang
54 Hint
56 Florida 2000 concern
62 Skin problem
64 French military cap
65 Cryptic
66 Isinglass
67 Periods of note
68 __ by (coping)
69 Even
70 Depend
71 Like a standoff

DOWN
1 Pack down
2 Hind part
3 "Rule Britannia" composer
4 Stage sides
5 Simple shed
6 Descending wind
7 Landed
8 Flinch
9 Snacked
10 In the sack
11 Location of Louis XIV's palace
12 Building extension
13 Hwy. with a number
21 Boring tool
22 Hawaiian hi
26 Shoe pad
27 Mark with blotches
28 Itty-bitty bite
29 Eyelike
30 Preventive measures
32 Outstanding brilliance
34 Drop feathers
36 Man alone
38 Duplicity
41 Wear away
42 Spewack or Abzug
47 In poorer health
49 Mellifluous
53 Cubic meter
55 Bring forth
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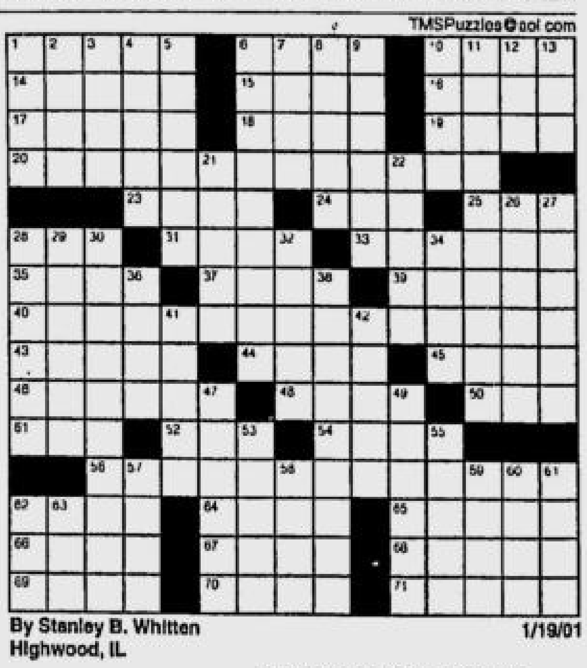
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By Stanley B. Whitten
Highwood, IL

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SATURDAY PUZZLE ANSWER

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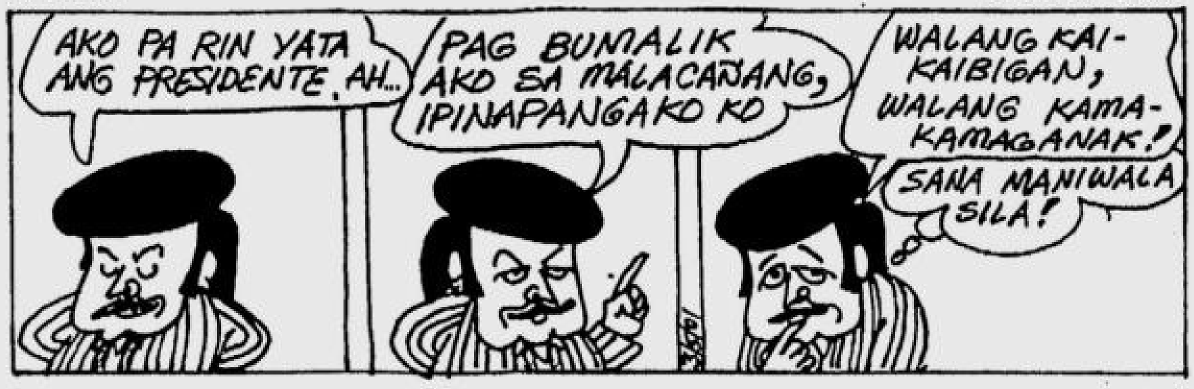
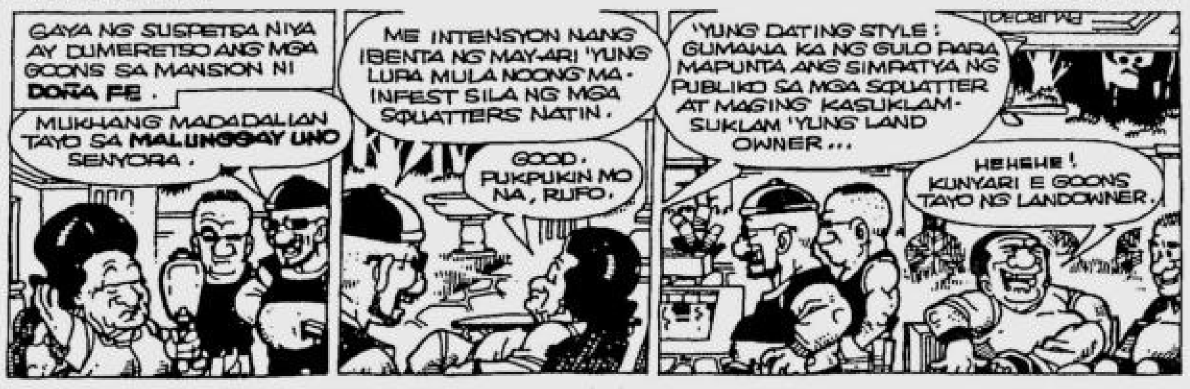
A. LIPIN

BY JESS ABRERA


AKO PA RIN YATA ANG PRESIDENTE, AH...
PAG BUMALIK AKO SA MALACAÑANG, IPINAPANGAKO KO
WALANG KAI-KAIBIGAN, WALANG KAMA-KAMAGANAK!
SANA MANIWALA SILA!

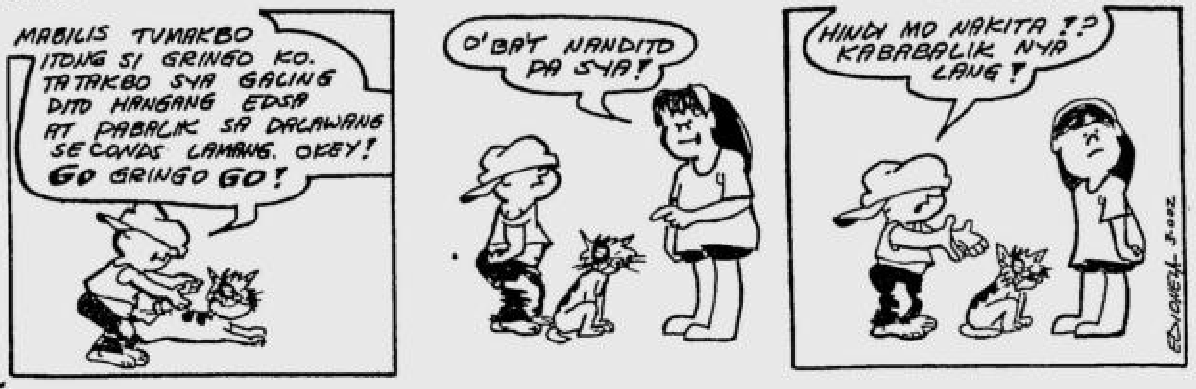
PUGAD BABOY

BY P.M. JUNIOR


GAYA NG SUSPETSA NIYA AY DUMERETSO ANG MGA GOONS SA MANSION NI DOÑA FE.
MUKHANG MADADALIAN TAYO SA MALUNGGAY UNO SENYORA.
ME INTENSYON NANG IBENTA NG MAY-ARI 'YUNG LUPA MULA NOONG MA-INFEST SILA NG MGA SQUATTERS NATIN.
GOOD. PUKPUKIN MO NA, RUFO.
'YUNG DATING STYLE: GUMAWA KA NG GULO PARA MAPUNTA ANG SIMPATYA NG PUBLIKO SA MGA SQUATTER AT MAGING KASUKLAM-SUKLAM 'YUNG LAND OWNER...
HEHEHE! KUNYARI E GOONS TAYO NG LANDOWNER.

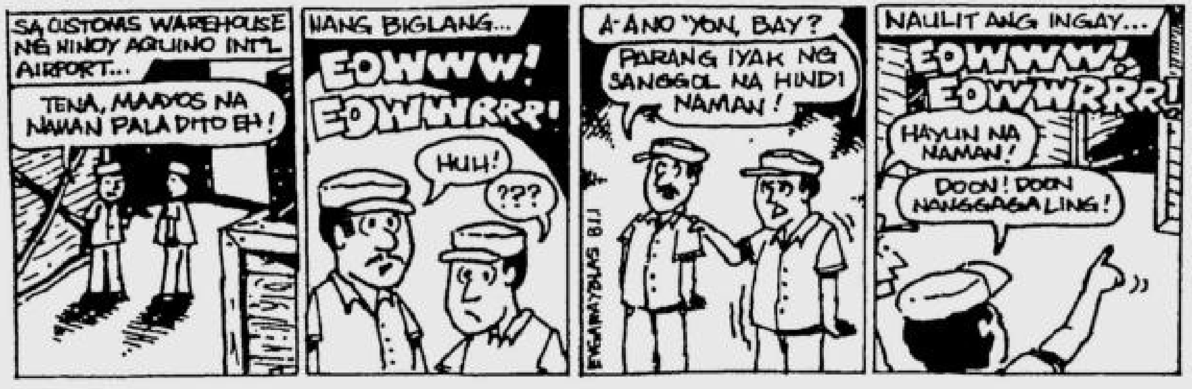
SIMO

BY EDGAR DIONELA


MABILIS TUMAKBO ITONG SI GRINGO KO. TATAKBO SYA GALING DITO HANGANG EDSA AT PABALIK SA DALAWANG SECONDS LAMANG. OKEY! GO GRINGO GO!
O' BA'T NANDITO PA SYA?
HINDI MO NAKITA ?!? KABABALIK NYA LANG!

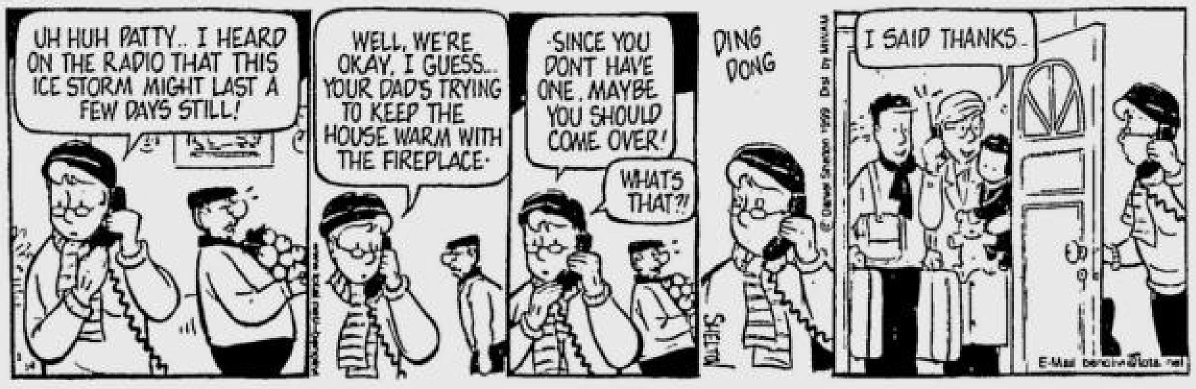
B1 GANG

BY ATS11/ JEA/ FEVG


SA CUSTOMS WAREHOUSE NG NINOY AQUINO INT'L AIRPORT...
TENA, MAAYOS NA NAMAN PALA DITO EH!
NANG BIGLANG...
EOWWW! EOWWRRR!
HUH!
???
A-ANO 'YON, BAY?
PARANG IYAK NG SANGGOL NA HINDI NAMAN!
NAULIT ANG INGAY...
EOWWW! EOWWRRR!
HAYUN NA NAMAN!
DOON! DOON NANGGAGALING!

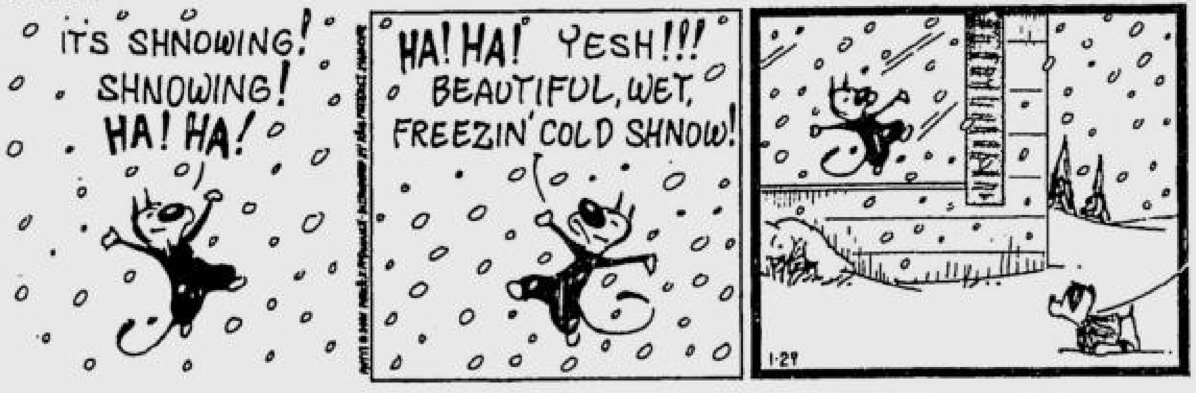
BEN

BY DANIEL SHELTON


UH HUH PATTY.. I HEARD ON THE RADIO THAT THIS ICE STORM MIGHT LAST A FEW DAYS STILL!
WELL, WE'RE OKAY, I GUESS... YOUR DAD'S TRYING TO KEEP THE HOUSE WARM WITH THE FIREPLACE.
SINCE YOU DONT HAVE ONE, MAYBE YOU SHOULD COME OVER!
WHATS THAT?!
DING DONG
I SAID THANKS.
SHELTON

MUTTS

BY PATRICK McDONNELL


IT'S SHNOWING! SHNOWING! HA! HA!
HA! HA! YESH!!! BEAUTIFUL, WET, FREEZIN' COLD SHNOW!
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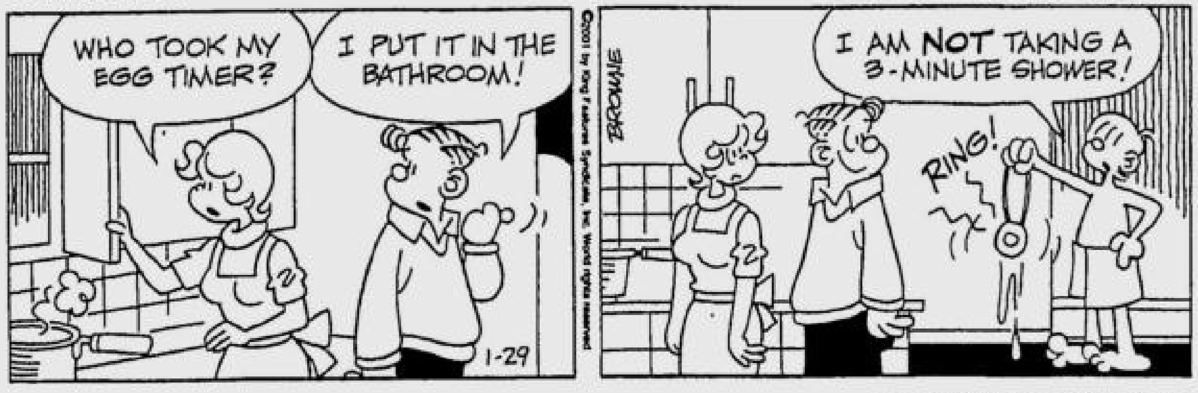
HI AND LOIS

BY BRIAN & GREG WALKER


WHO TOOK MY EGG TIMER?
I PUT IT IN THE BATHROOM!
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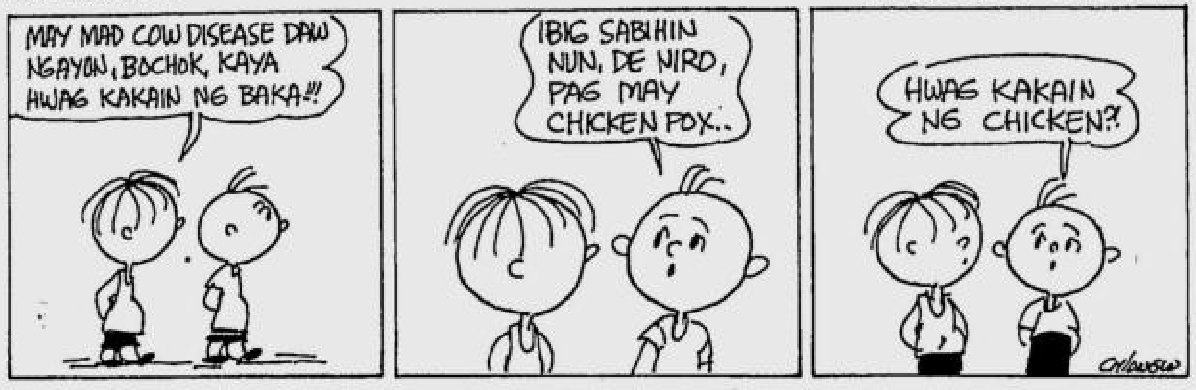
BROWNE
I AM NOT TAKING A 3-MINUTE SHOWER!
RING!

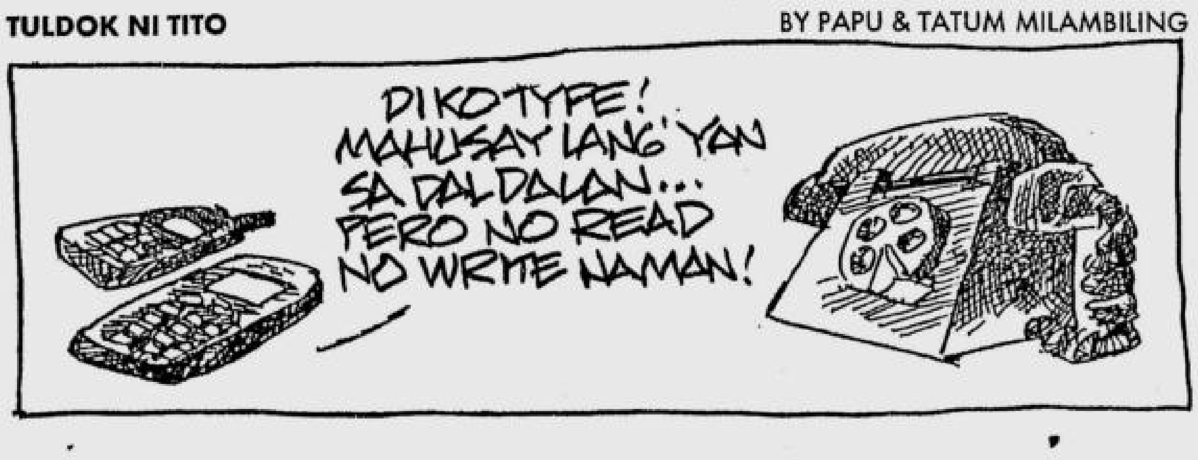
LOVEKNOTS

BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


MAY MAD COW DISEASE DAW NGAYON, BOCHOK, KAYA HWAG KAKAIN NG BAKA!!
IBIG SABIHIN NUN, DE NIRO, PAG MAY CHICKEN POX..
HWAG KAKAIN NG CHICKEN?!
CHIONGLO

TULDOK NI TITO

BY PAPU & TATUM MILAMBILING


DI KO TYPE! MAHUSAY LANG 'YAN SA DALDALAN... PERO NO READ NO WRITE NAMAN!

Davide finds Cebu concert a respite from stressful trial

BY PABLO R. TARIMAN

MENDELSSOHN'S E Minor Violin Concerto and Tchaikovsky's B Flat Minor Piano Concerto shared equal billing in one concert at the Shangri-La Mactan in Cebu, and the attention should normally be on the orchestra and the soloists, Chinese violinist Jue Yao and pianist Ingrid Sala Santamaria.

But as the Peace Philharmonic of the Philippines (PPP) was playing Redentor Romero's "Philippine Portraits" for an opener, you could see that eyes were on the guests of honor seated on the front seat and they were no other than Chief Justice and Ms Hilario Davide Jr.

Even orchestra members were straining to have a look at them. It was obvious: A national celebrity was in the audience.

Even before the concert, professionals and students were seen endlessly posing with Davide to the curiosity of violinist Yao. "Who is the man?" asked the lady violinist. "He is a good man from Cebu the entire country is talking about," replied Cebu Arts Council member Francis Onglatco.

But as the soloists took their place, the uncommon attention was led by Davide himself.

Yao, a previous winner of the National Violin Competition in the People's Republic of China, exhibited an unusually brilliant stance in this violin concerto. The first movement, *molto allegro con fuoco*, was a trifle slow but it conveyed a piercing melancholy with every note intact and phrases brilliantly spurned.

But you could see that the violinist was in perfect form as she essayed the andante movement with meticulous care and a dose of pungent intensity.

This was the first time I heard the PPP conduct a Mendelssohn concerto and both the conductor, Rodel Flores, and the orchestra were in excellent shape. Flores knew the delicate labyrinth of the concerto (as though he was the soloist himself) and this worked in favor of the soloist who delivered a very well focused cadenza.

The result was a standing ovation of tumultuous proportion.

There was no way Tchaikovsky could be left behind. This technically demanding concerto found an able interpreter in the person of Santamaria who went beyond being a technician to hone the real essence of the concerto.

(The first movement was so riveting it elicited a premature applause from the audience including Davide himself for which I kidded Francis Onglatco, "The applause of Justice Davide was *subjudice* but not immaterial to the concert.")

Flores, on the other hand, is gradually being transformed as a conductor and can now go beyond the demands of the metronome. The result is spontaneity of the unstudied kind.

I would say that Shangri-La Mactan in Cebu is an excellent venue for an international music festival and no less than its manager, Ben Bousnina, has given his imprimatur for such a project.

After swimming by the pool and by the sea, the best reward was the well-rendered Mendelssohn and Tchaikovsky concertos.

In his remarks, Davide acknowledged that music is the real-language of the heart and the lasting basis of friendship between nations (the concert celebrates the Charter Day of Cebu and Philippines-China friendship). He added that the concert was the best time as any to be at peace with one's soul and to reflect after those stressful weeks of the impeachment trial.

Here and there

THE PHILIPPINE-GERMAN Month opened last week with the Paco Park engagement of the Battig Trio composed of cellist Wilfredo Pasambá, pianist J. Greg Zuniega and violinist Arturo Molina. Coming attractions are pianist Filmer Flores (March 9), the Manila Vocal Ensemble (March 16) and tenor Nolyn Cabahug with pianist Lourdes de Leon Gregorio (March 23), all at Paco Park.

Next in the PPO series is violinist Coke Bolipata who is soloist in the Prokofiev violin concerto under conductor Oscar Yatco on March 8.

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The Genesis Foundation based in London recently launched a major international chamber opera competition for young composers and librettists. Interested parties must submit a scenario plus tapes with examples of the composer's work and a sample of the librettist's writing. A jury will choose six works for further development and each writer/composer team will receive £3,000 each to create a first draft of the libretto and an extract from the opera score for workshop performance in April 2002. The advisory panel will later choose three operas from this short list for a full commission (£12,000 to the composer and £2,000 to the writer) and these will be taken forward to full production as part of a season. The overall winning production will be performed outside London on tour. For details, e-mail Harriet Capaldi at press@genesisfoundation.org.uk or visit www.genesisfoundation.org.uk.

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Cecile Licad is the soloist of the Asian Symphony Orchestra when it stops in Manila Aug. 17. She is also soloist in four other Asian tour destinations. Her son, Otavio, is now hooked on a Mozart sonata, a Chopin etude and a Debussy piece. A friend watched Otavio play recently in New York and he was stunned. The son is just as musical as the mother. "I can't be with my mom in Manila on April 6," he told the INQUIRER over the phone. Meanwhile, tickets (notably center and left seats) of Licad's April 6 CCP concert are fast disappearing. Tickets are at P2,000, P1,500, P500 and P200 (the latter for balcony II section).

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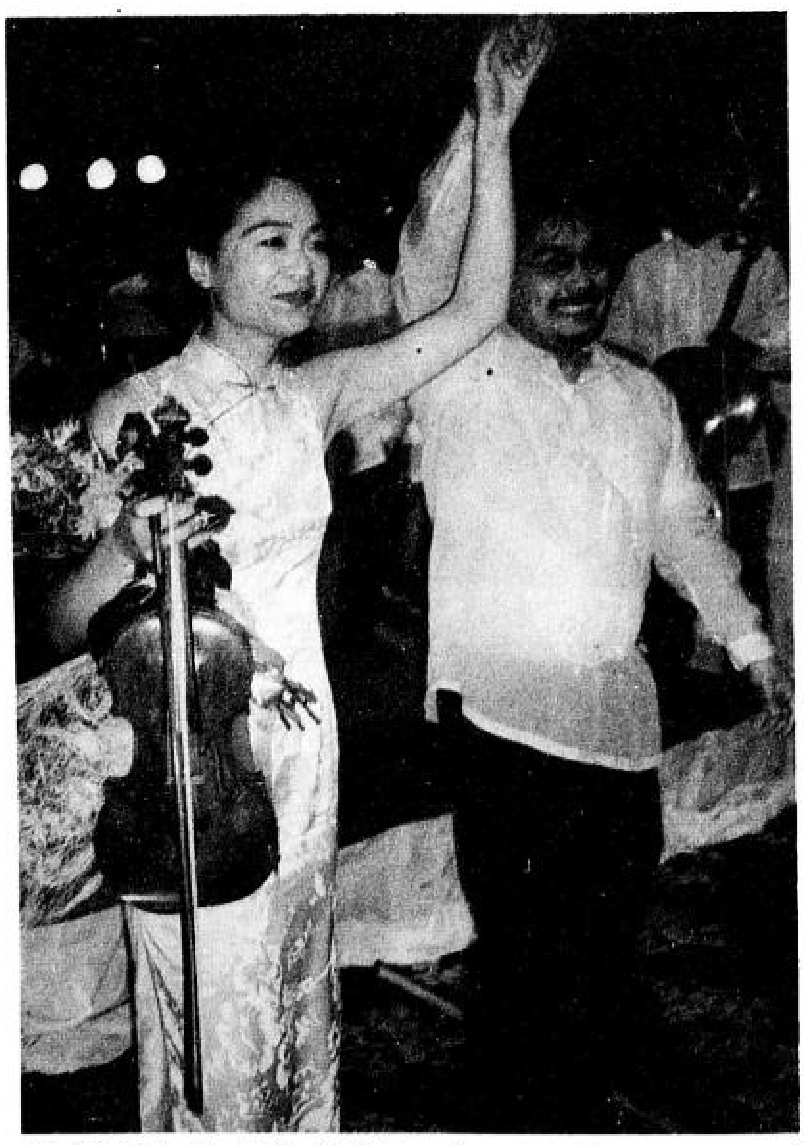
Belated "Happy Birthday" to Maestra Mercedes Matias Santiago, the first Filipina to sing Lucia di Lammermoor and one of the last remaining three divas who studied in Milan in the late '20s (the other two were Isang Tapales, the first Filipina to sing Madama Butterfly and the first to sing at Opera Comique in Paris, and the other was Jovita Fuentes, later declared National Artist). I guess the CCP or the NCCA will wait for an artist's demise before it will consider any award or citation to a slave of the arts. Now into her 90s, Maestra Santiago is still teaching music.

CHIEF Justice Hilario Davide Jr. (second from right) with violinist Yao (extreme left), Chinese consul general Wu Liangui, Cebu music lovers Joy Onglatco and Baby Schaap, and the author.



VIOLINIST Jue Yao (left) with PPO conductor Rodel Flores. Dual triumph in the Mendelssohn E Minor Concerto

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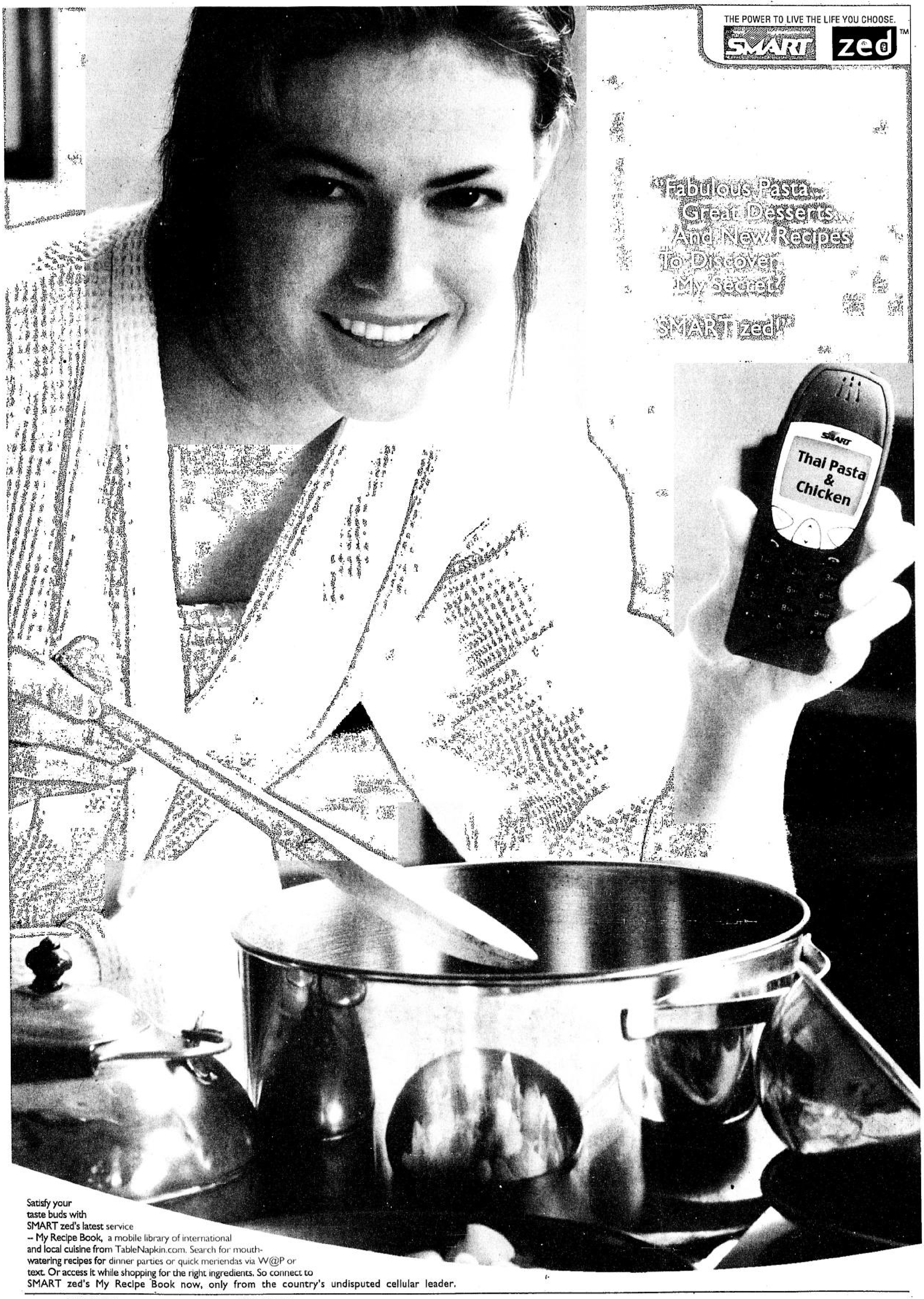
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'Pay It Forward' author says writing book was an act of kindness

CATHERINE Ryan Hyde is the author of the critically acclaimed novel "Pay It Forward" on which the Warner Bros. film starring Kevin Spacey, Helen Hunt and Haley Joel Osment was based. She also wrote the novel "Funerals for Horses" and numerous short stories, including the collection, "Earthquake Weather." The best-selling writer talks about "Pay It Forward" in the following interview.

What was the inspiration for "Pay It Forward"?

About 20 years ago, I was driving alone at night in a rough area of downtown Los Angeles. My car, an old Datsun 1200, was the best I could afford at the time. I drove it constantly for business, relied on it for every cent of cash I earned; as a result, it was not in great condition. When I braked at the end of a freeway off-ramp, the engine suddenly died. All the lights went out—headlights, dash lights—and then the passenger compartment started to fill with smoke.

I jumped out of the car to see two men running toward me, one holding a blanket that he had pulled from their car's trunk. My panicked first thought was "I'm dead." Pushing past me, one of the men popped the hood of my car. My engine was on fire; flames were burning along the throttle line. This total stranger proceeded to smother the blaze with the blanket. The car could have exploded at any moment, killing all of us. The fire department arrived quickly, called by another thoughtful motorist, but by then, the fire was out. The two men had saved my car, saved me, my livelihood, possibly my life, all the time putting their own lives at risk for a stranger. Once the emergency was over, I looked up to thank them, but they were gone.

Over the following months, I decided that if I couldn't do anything to repay looking for someone who needed help as much as I did the night my engine burned. I believed that brand of caring could be contagious.

What happened?

When I did have the opportunity to help someone, it didn't seem all that dramatic at first. I had stopped to help a woman who was stranded by the side of road in the dark. Her car wasn't in flames, just unable to hold radiator fluid. The problem wasn't serious; all I had to do was take a utility knife from my car's glove compartment, cut off the split end of the radiator hose, and reclamp it. It was when we took a drive to get water that I found out how important my help was to her. She never told me what had happened to her in the past; what type of violence or assault she had survived. And I didn't ask. But it became clear as we talked that, in her mind, she had been in a life-threatening situation. That I was the first person to happen by, that I cared enough to stop, that I had no bad intentions toward her, was a

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Catherine Ryan Hyde was so touched by the death-defying act of kindness of two men that she wrote the best-selling novel about making kindness pay

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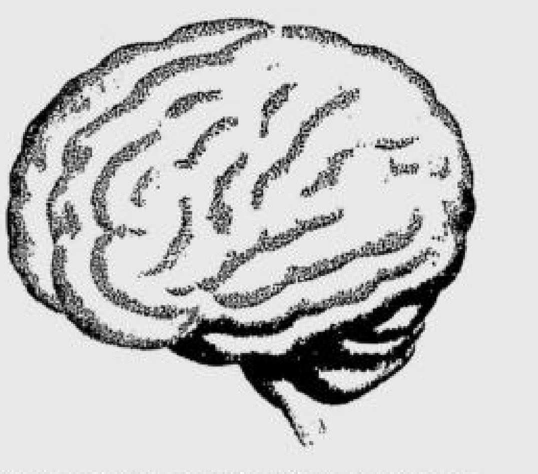

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This novel would make a good film

Mass for the Death of an Enemy
By Renato E. Madrid
Ateneo University Press, 2000
365 pages

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REVIEW

THE MILD-MANNERED Fr. Rudy Villanueva (a.k.a. Renato E. Madrid) of Cebu is a remarkable man. In addition to being a priest, he is a novelist, short-story writer, bilingual playwright, visual artist, pianist and a trained composer and conductor who has published and recorded Cebuano music.

As a writer, Madrid first gained attention in the 1960s with his compellingly written short stories in the Philippines Free Press, which were later published in book form, "Southern Harvest" (New Day, 1987).

Of that collection, Nick Joaquin wrote: "You sometimes get the feeling that a Woody Allen is trapped in a cossack."

In 1986 came Madrid's debut as a novelist, "Devil Wings" (Ateneo Press), which successfully integrated elements of the detective story, black humor and metaphysical speculation with its tale of a satanic cult, known as "Land of the Morning," which threatens the Catholic Church.

And now comes Madrid's second novel, "Mass for the Death of an Enemy," longer, more lovingly detailed, the earlier "sonatinas of separation" (the author's music background is evident in his prose) having given way to a full symphony, one that is basically serious but romantic (as opposed to realistic), and richly comic.

Madrid's style is florid and eloquent, with faint echoes of Nick Joaquin, Salman Rushdie and, especially, Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Madrid's wicked wit and sometimes wacky sense of humor fill almost every page.

The setting is once again Cebu, specifically the *poblacion* (town center) of Carcar and the village of Villadolid. There is a Manila interlude. The time is the early 1900s, with the Americans consolidating their rule upon the colony. It is the era of silent moving pictures, the Teatro Zorilla, and the *zarzuela* "Walang Sugat."

The characters are a colorful batch. There is the melancholy village leader, Capitan Delfin, and his equally melancholy son Arcadio, a very Garcia Marquez name. In fact, father and son exude the "air of solitude" that we find in some Garcia Marquez characters.

Delfin, a rich farmer, has a long-standing feud with the town *gobernadorcillo*, Lemuel, known as El Presidente, who has a mistress, Rosario, a friendly cathouse madame. (This makes Rosario a presidential mistress.)

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Rounding up Delfin's household is his faithful retainer Mauro, who is like an uncle to Arcadio, and Aurelia the domestic, Arcadio's former nursemaid and a suspected witch. Aurelia, with her potions, spells and lizards, is a superbly drawn comic figure; in contrast, Mauro does not seem to spring to life. Perhaps because there is nothing distinctive about him, apart from the fact that he is an ex-convict (a fact which is not even explored).

The town's parish priest, Padre Constancio, is an unsympathetic figure, petty and vengeful. Mercifully, he is presented as an individual, and not necessarily typical "of that mysterious and tight-lipped, dark family—the priesthood."

Reading this book, one gets the feeling that the characters talk the (clever) way the author does, instead of the way their persona should talk in real life. One reason for this technical problem is the medium (English) used.

This is, however, a minor defect when viewed against the solid accomplishment that is the novel.

The emphasis is on Delfin and Arcadio and their relationships with the people they come into contact with, as well as on the ties, often acrimonious, between Carcar the town and Valladolid the village.

In the troubles between the snooty Carcar poblacion and the culturally rebellious Valladolid village, do we detect a naughty parallel between Imperial Manila and Promdi Cebu?

Although the novel is a comedy, tragedy rears its head from time to time. At the start, a deranged farmer kills his wife and baby, then commits suicide. Padre Constancio refuses to give them a Christian burial. This sets him on a collision course with the more humane Delfin, who is something of a freethinker.

El Capitan then constructs a great stage, which serves as the venue for the wake for the unfortunate family. And thereupon there ensues a "*zarzuela* war" (hilarious and masterfully drawn) between the town and the village, as the two localities attempt to outdo each other in the way of lavish productions.

In Part II, which begins with the death of a mysterious stranger in Valladolid, the human relationships become even more complex and entangled. Although innocent, Arcadio is a suspect; and he takes refuge in the Manila home of Nyora Candil, an elderly, genteel lady who was Delfin's mistress decades ago.

Arcadio befriends Cordillera, a brilliant young musician who is Nyora Candil's grandson. When the heat is off and Arcadio returns to Cebu, Cordillera follows him. Due to a misunderstanding, however, the two friends have a falling-out.

The fiercely loyal Aurelia (another Garcia Marquez name) bewitches (*kinulam*) Cordillera, who is now organist and choirmaster at Padre Constancio's church. In retaliation, Padre Constancio decides to celebrate "a quasi-solemn Votive Mass" titled "Mass for the Death of an Enemy." (Was there such a rite in the old Catholic Church?)

The novel is a parable on man's (and woman's) follies and absurdities, which nevertheless remain guided by a divine light which was there from the beginning "and always will be."

Given the right budget, a top-notch director, an all-star cast (with the correct accents, please), location shooting, a good scriptwriter (Pete Lacaba, Doy del Mundo or Ricky Lee) and the right cinematographer, "Mass for the Death of an Enemy" will make a wonderful movie for the next Metro Manila Film Festival.

Any takers?

HUNT and Spacey

'Pay It Forward'. . .

(From page F1)

life-and-death flip of the coin for her. She kept asking how she could repay me, offering to give me money. I wanted to hold onto the idea that I could send one more person into the world owing a favor to a stranger. "Don't pay it back to me," I said. "Pay it forward to someone else." She understood. Then I spent the next 20 years wondering what kind of world it would be if an idea like that caught fire.

While writing this novel, did you envision your readers "paying it forward"?

I confess that I often had fantasies of people emulating the book. There are infinite possibilities for the ways in which this could be done. How many times do we step around a homeless person on the street? "Oh, dear," we think. "That person certainly has a problem." But we let it remain their problem. We would not normally think to stop and make it our own. I'll bet almost everyone who reads this book has a warm sweater or coat in their closet that is never worn. And, I bet that almost all of these same people know of a homeless person in their town. So why is that sweater or coat still in their closet, when they could take it and give to that person? It's a new way of thinking; to begin to see beyond our own problems into other people's lives and figure out if there is some way we can help them.

How would you suggest that people "pay it forward"?

The possibilities are limitless. It's important to stress that it needn't be anything earth shattering. As Trevor observes in the book, "It doesn't even have to be a big thing. It might just seem like a big thing. Depending on who you do it for." A small kindness can go a long way. A few things I've done are anonymously leaving breakfast every morning on the porch of an elderly local woman who had broken her wrist. Hiring a team of men to keep up the yard work for a friend recovering from surgery. And, of course, assisting people with car trouble.

You have a wide spectrum of characters in "Pay It Forward," and write from several different perspectives. What do you feel this adds to the story?

Someone who read "Pay It Forward" early on asked me whose story I thought it was. I said it was mankind's story. The various character viewpoints are at the core of the book's message. Although it's a little unorthodox, if we don't get into the heads of different characters, how can we see that, at heart, they are all the same? The driving force of the "Pay It Forward" concept is that the idea multiplies out, exponentially, to more and more people, touching their lives, either directly or indirectly. Because this is an idea that can affect everyone on the planet, I am hopeful that every person who reads this book will see himself or herself in its pages. This is not just the story of what happened to a couple of fictional characters. It is about all of us.

"Pay It Forward," starring Kevin Spacey, John Halley Osment and Helen Hunt, is now showing in Metro Manila theaters.

Call for manuscripts: 8th Iligan National Writers Workshop

THE OFFICE of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension (OVCRE) of the Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) is accepting applications from writers to the 8th Iligan National Writers Workshop (INWW) to be held on May 17-19 in Iligan City.

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Premio Zobel awardee calls for restoration of Spanish in curriculum

THE PREMIO Zobel, founded by the late Don Enrique Zobel de Ayala in July 1920, initially aimed to promote the study of the Spanish language. Recipients have included great Hispanistas such as Don Claro M. Recto, Jesus Balmori, Raul S. Manglapus, Alejandro Roces, Fr. Jose Arcilla, S.J., Juan Jose Rocha, Rosalinda Orosa, Francisco Delgado, Lourdes Brilliantes, among others. The award has since broadened its objectives to include efforts along cultural endeavors.

Today, Georgina Padilla Zobel de Mac-Crohon and Alejandro Padilla Zobel, children of Gloria Zobel de Padilla, daughter of the founder, sustain the Premio not only in the memory of their mother and their grandfather, but because they, too, believe in the purpose of Premio.

This year's awardee, Lina Obieta de Sevilla, has made it a lifetime commitment to promote and to propagate the Spanish language in the Philippines. She is the director and founder of the Fundacion de la Lengua Hispanica en Filipinas.

The foundation seeks to integrate the teaching of Spanish into the educational system again.

Sevilla notes that as the world global community continues to grow, the knowledge of languages, especially one that is so extensively spoken the world over, will give the Filipinos a definite edge. It is even more relevant to the Philippines to retain Spanish, as it was once a colony of Spain, and at one time all Filipinos were trilingual, speaking Filipino, English and Spanish.

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First Book Award welcomes nominations

LIKHAAN: The UP Creative Writing Center announces that the deadline of submission of nominations for the Madrigal-Gonzalez First Book Award is extended to March 14.

The P50,000 award is open to the following: a collection of poems; a collection of short stories; a novel; and creative nonfiction (including literary essays, autobiography and biography). This year, the award will be given to the most deserving book by a Filipino writer in English, published in 1999 or 2000.

Anyone may submit nominations for the award. Nominations must be accompanied by four copies of the book. Interested parties may nominate as many books as they wish, as long as these were published within the stipulated years and are the first books published by their authors.

The panel of judges will consist of distinguished award-winning writers chosen by the CWC, which is administering the award for the donors, the Madrigal-Gonzalez family. The winner will be announced by the end of April.

The Madrigal-Gonzalez First Book Award will be offered yearly, alternating between books in English and Filipino. Next year, the award will be open to first books written in Filipino and published in 2000 or 2001. Send your nominations to the UP Creative Writing Center, 2/F Bulwagang Rizal, UP Diliman, QC. Call 922-1830.

Poetry reading contest

DUE to the success of "Love Out Loud" last year, the University of the Philippines Creative Writing Center (UP CWC) will be doing it again. The CWC, with the Filipinas Heritage Library (FHL), will be holding "Love Out Loud 2," a walk-in poetry reading contest on March 16, 6:30-10 p.m., at the FHL, Makati Avenue, Ayala Triangle, Makati. The affair will be a post-Valentine's Day celebration, as well as a fund-raising activity for the UP CWC's different projects.

The contest will be open to all. Contestants will read an original love poem before a panel of judges composed of prominent writers and professors from the UP, Ateneo, La Salle and UST, including Jimmy Abad, Marjorie Evasco, Krip Yuson, Neil Garcia, Danny Reyes, Butch Dalisay, and others.

Each poet may read only one poem. Poems must be original, and about romantic love. They may be in English or Filipino but must be no more than 30 lines. Contestants must provide the judges with copies of their work before they read onstage.

Winners will receive various prizes, such as scholarships to the writing workshop of their choice and the right to be published on "Likhaan On Line," the official Internet publication of the UP CWC, among others.

Tickets for those who wish to read will be P100, and for those who wish to listen will be P50. All tickets come with a free drink. Call 922-1830 (UP CWC) or 892-1801.

Filipino novel in ancient Tagalog script to be launched

A NEW Filipino novel will soon hit the bookstores.

"Sa.Ba.Tri., Sa Masaganang Milenyo" is a three-part chronicle of Marc, a Manila-based journalist; Kapitan Goyo, a farmer leader from Marinduque, and Apo Rizalia, a lady shaman who has her own mystical religious group in Mt. Banahaw.

How the three characters' lives interact is the novel's narrative. The novel deals with gluttonous intellectuals, social vultures and medieval religiosity, and sacred institutions perpetuating a polluted culture, perverted pride and values and poverty of the soul.

"Sa.Ba.Tri." is for language students and experts. It is mythology written in Alibata, the ancient Tagalog script. It is for the young and other generations who seek to rediscover Filipino life, faith and spirituality.

The novel is written by Tomas F. Agulto, three-time Poet of the Year Awardee by the Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino. Jorge Arago provides a brief sardonic introduction to this publication by Bathaluman Publishing.

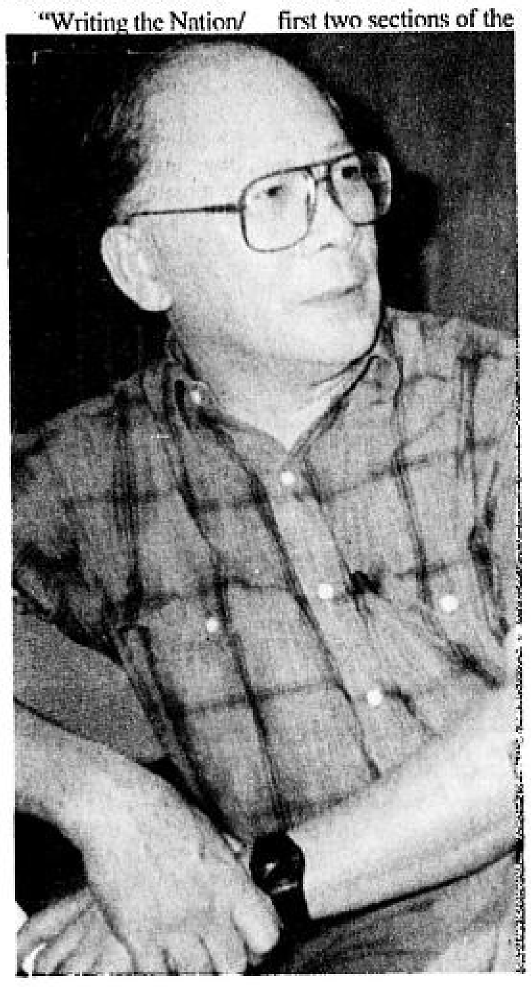
The public is invited to its book launching on March 7, 7 p.m. at '70s Bistro, along Anonas Road, Kamias, QC.

Call or fax (02)419-8226 or e-mail tomagulto@yahoo.com.

Two new books by Lumbera to be launched

THE DEPARTMENT of Filipino and Philippine Literature, UP Diliman, and the UP Press will launch Bienvenido Lumbera's "Writing the Nation/ Pag-akda ng Bansa" and "Paano Magbasa ng Panitikang Filipino: Mga Babasahing Pangkolehiyo" on March 7, 4 p.m., at the Recto Hall, Faculty Center, UP Diliman.

"Writing the Nation/ Pag-akda ng Bansa" gathers into a single volume the scattered writings on Philippine art and culture by one of the country's foremost literary scholars. The cultural phenomena that generated comment and discussion—literary works, theatrical performances, films, conferences, etc. have been viewed within a framework spelled out by the first two sections of the book: "Culture and Politics" and "Language and Culture."


BIENVENIDO Lumbera

Lumbera has always made culture and nationalism the advocacy of his teaching and writing. In this book he elaborates on these intertwining themes.

As a textbook, "Paano Magbasa ng Panitikang Filipino" enables both professors and students to relate literature to reality. It aims to sharpen the consciousness of the youth and expose them to different life experiences which will give them a deeper understanding of themselves and of humanity.

Lumbera, professor emeritus at the University of the Philippines and visiting professor at De La Salle University, taught Philippine literature to some of the best critics and scholars in the field today. For asserting the central place of the vernacular tradition in framing a national identity for modern Filipinos, he was honored in 1993 with the Ramon Magsaysay Award for Journalism, Literature and Creative Communication Arts.

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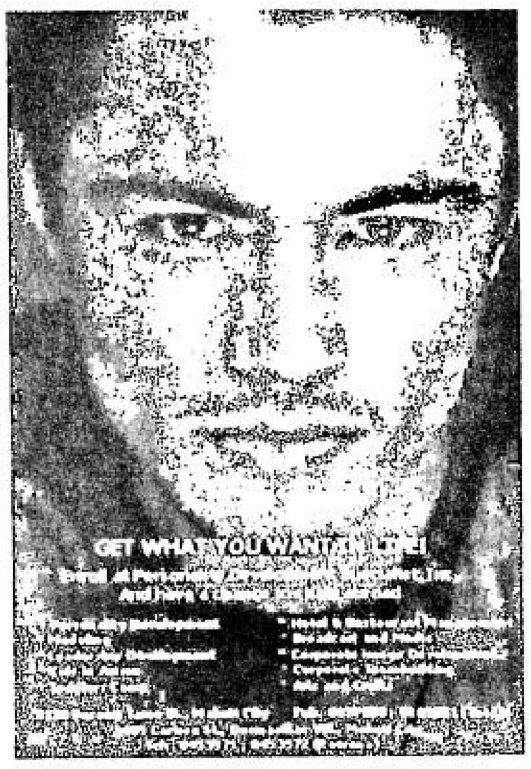
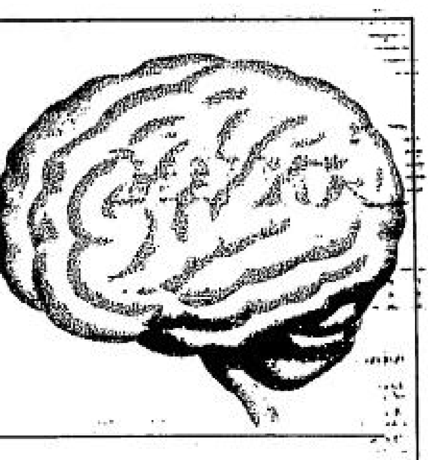


GET WHAT YOU WANT IN LIFE!

The Brain: How does it cause Obesity?



Obesity is defined as a condition in which there is an excess of body fat. Why is there an excess of body fat? Simple, we tend to overeat and forget the importance of exercise.

Studies have shown that the brain plays a major role in why we overeat. The brain is responsible for releasing chemical messengers called ***noradrenaline*** and ***serotonin*** which regulates how fast we burn calories and how we eat, respectively.

Factors like stress and genetics cause a re-uptake of these chemical messengers making us eat more than we should. The body converts food into energy and if we don't exercise often, the excess is stored as fat- *body fat*! This is shown in the deadly equation:

↑*CALORIC INTAKE* +
↓*CALORIC EXPENDITURE*
= **WEIGHT GAIN**

Because of this discovery, studies on weight management have focused on controlling this function of the brain by preventing the re-uptake of noradrenaline and serotonin.

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Sibutramine also increases energy expenditure with its ***thermogenesis effect.*** Thus affecting both equations of the energy balance:

↓*CALORIC INTAKE* +
↑*CALORIC EXPENDITURE*
= **WEIGHT LOSS**

The discovery of sibutramine is a major breakthrough in the fight against obesity. Specially now that obesity increases the risk of several life threatening diseases.

According to the February 2000 World Health Organization (WHO) report titled, "The Asia Pacific Perspective: Redefining obesity and its treatment", obesity has a direct link in causing Type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular diseases.

The same report also cites obesity as a determining factor in various disorders like polycystic ovary syndrome; musculo-skeletal disorders like back pain; gallbladder diseases and liver abnormalities; strokes and sleep apnea which in severe cases can result in sudden death!

Right now, studies are being done to verify the link between obesity and cancer.

Obesity has evolved into more than a "weight problem". As scientists learn more about how extensive its effects are on the human body, it is quite a surprise to know that in the end, the organ responsible for gaining weight is not the stomach, but the brain.

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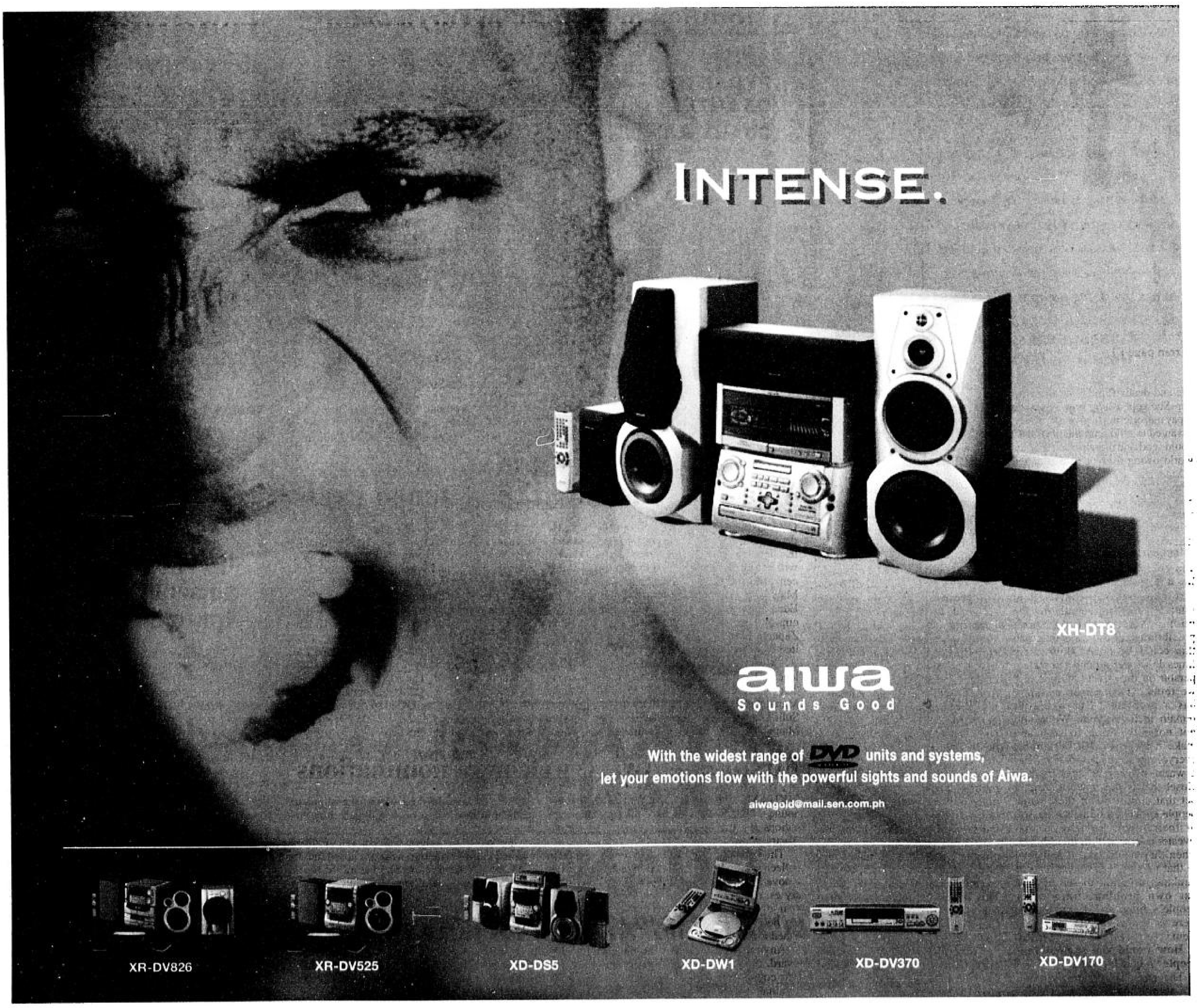

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A couple name their first child after St. Expeditus

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Darang

IT must be difficult for a woman to wait a long time to be able to conceive her first child. A lady I know prayed and waited for 14 years before she and her husband could have their first baby. Praying to God, Mama Mary and the saints, including St. Expeditus, she finally got pregnant.

When she started praying to St. Expeditus in 1995, she promised she would name her child after the saint, or at least the child's third name. And so it was that Juan Gabriel Expedito was born last December and is a healthy baby.

Devotion revived

Although the devotion to St. Expeditus was introduced by the Franciscans to Filipinos during the Spanish times, it was forgotten. But Francisco Vecin remembers that his aunt used to go to a church in Paco to pray to the saint. In one of my trips to Nasugbu years back, I saw a small statue of the saint in the parish church.

Then, Our Lady of the Assumption Church on Leveriza Street, Malate has a very old image of St. Expeditus inside the Adoration Chapel. The parish priest, Fr. Sannie de Claro, is so devoted to St. Expeditus that he had a big painting of the saint made.

It was only in 1994 that I came to know about St. Expeditus from Aguing Buencamino-Gonzalez, whose family prayed to the saint to intercede for the sale of their property. Through the help of Fr. Omer Prieto, then parish priest of St. Andrew Church in La Huerta, Parañaque, the image was enthroned in the church on April 10, 1994.

Every year, the devotees of St. Expeditus in Metro Manila celebrate the feast day of the saint on April 19 with a Triduum of Masses three days before. Worship Committee chair Toots Espiritu makes this possible by helping the Society of St. Expeditus organize this event.

US visas granted

Armi Alba, secretary of Guernica's Restaurant, had an image of St. Expeditus made when he granted her prayers. Her son was given a US visa after making a novena to the saint. A good friend of Armi herself was recently granted a US visa (10 years) after praying to St. Expeditus and after dropping a visit at Nuestra Señora de Guia Church. Armi's friend did not have a bank certificate because she only had P6,000 in the bank, but she was ready to tell the truth. The interviewing officer at the US embassy, however, did not ask for her bank certificate.

Even Carmi Manese's daughter got a US visa after Carmi made a novena to the saint. Those who want free novenas can write me, but please enclose a self-stamped addressed envelope for easier mailing. Those who want small statues made of resin can call 725-3257/2467.

Our Lady of Peñafrancia cape

CARMENCITA Rebutiaco, 80, was diagnosed to have had rectosigmoid adenocarcinoma. She was operated on at the De Los Santos Hospital, but before the operation, the cape of Our Lady of Peñafrancia was placed over her. Her family prayed hard that she would be healed. Their prayers were answered. The result of the biopsy was negative. A native of Legazpi, the patient is the mother of Trixie Banzon, Mayet Redoblado and Boy Rebutiaco. The cape was lent to the family through the help of Lilia Palo.

Tragedy of being old and poor

THE FRIENDS of St. Joseph drove to Carmona, Cavite on Feb. 17 bringing hot *arroz caldo* for the elderly living in Tahanan ni Maria run by Fr. Bitoy Macalintal, SVD.

Although the elderly, mostly women, were cheerful, I could feel a pervading atmosphere of gloom and loneliness. The women were mostly weak, but they still carried their own chairs to the dining table and holding on to their own spoons.

Ignacio Diancin, 63, could not walk, so the food had to be brought to him. Mang Ignacio, who is from Orion, Bataan, suffered a stroke in 1997. He used to be a robust tall man who worked as operations manager of Cevron Shipping Co. But illness changed all that.

He is still waiting for a nephew to pick him up. He is separated from his wife and he hardly sees his children. I am asking readers to help get a sturdy wheelchair for Mang Ignacio so he can move about. Please beep me at 141-020543 if you want to help.

Most of the elderly were left there by their families. Some were abandoned and left on the streets. Through the kindness of Father Bitoy, they have found a home. The 3-ha. area where the *tahanan* stands was donated by Amparo Jhocson.

It is in the open fields that some of the men plant vegetables like Agustin Poblete of Silang, Cavite. Donations keep the home going. If you want to help, please write to Fr. Bitoy Macalintal, Tahanan ni Maria, Barangay Lantik, Carmona, Cavite.

To maintain the upkeep of the home will make the situation less tragic. A small building is currently being built to serve as an infirmary.

A challenge to the youth

THE INTERNATIONAL Catholic Program of Evangelization (ICPE) is inviting young people to a seminar on March 16-18 at Magallanes Village in Makati. Called "Proclaim: A Challenge to Youth," the seminar shows the young the way to share Jesus more effectively. Speakers are Henry and Sabina Cappello. To register, call 852-6602 or fax 852-6607. Ask for Malou or Vit.

Marian pilgrimage in April

A MARIAN pilgrimage is being organized by Economy Travel that's leaving Manila on April 22 and going first to Amsterdam and then take the coach to Banneux where one could see Our Lady of the Poor; then onto Beauring, Paris, Lourdes, Paray Le Monial, Spain where one could see Our Lady of Peñafrancia in Salamanca; Our Lady of the Pillar, Avila, Madrid; Fatima, Portugal; and then Rome.

Call 526-4497/87 or 302-2519. Ask for Flor, Shirley or Roger.

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Exhibit of St. Joseph images

THE "FIESTA del Señor San Jose 2001" will open with an exhibit of St. Joseph images on March 10, 5 p.m. at the Hospicio de San Jose on the Ayala Bridge compound.

Every year The Friends of St. Joseph Foundation Inc. celebrates the feast of St. Joseph with an exhibit and Novena Masses from March 10-18. The fiesta on March 19 is highlighted with a Mass at 6 p.m. and a procession around the Hospicio compound. This year's fiesta committee is headed by Danny T. Reyes who is also the organization's president.

The *hermanos mayores* are Amelia Ablaza and Joseph Christian Singson. The *hermanos y hermanas* include Consuelo Abaya, Hernani and Nena Aguinaldo, Nene Aguinaldo, Jose Mari Chan who is honorary chair, Imelda Cojuangco, Luz Mojares-Dizon, Nelly Enriquez, Jose Mari Hilario, Patria Jacinto, Grace Jose, Letty Meim, Ging Ong, Ma. Luz Aspiras-Oreta, Danny and Pining Reyes, Amelita Tengco and Eden and Manuel Tiongco. The spiritual director is Msgr. Josefino Ramirez.

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